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COVID-19 Guidance and Prevention for Individuals and the Community

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Mississippi Coronavirus Hotline (7 days a week, 7 a.m.–7 p.m.): **877-978-6453**

Preventing COVID-19: Recommendations and Requirements

Mississippi is experiencing high levels of COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations due to the delta variant. The delta variant is much more contagious, and spreads twice as easily compared to other strains. Outbreaks have been identified in youth camps, faith-based gatherings, funerals and social events.

MSDH recommends the following steps to control the spread of COVID-19:

- Get a COVID-19 vaccination if you are eligible.
- Wear a mask in all indoor public settings, even if you are vaccinated.
- **If you test positive** for COVID-19, even if fully vaccinated, you should isolate for at least 10 days from the beginning of your symptoms (or from your test date if you have no symptoms.)
- **If you are exposed** to someone with COVID-19, you should get tested 3-5 days following exposure. If you are not fully vaccinated, you should quarantine for at least 10 days after exposure (fully vaccinated persons do not have to quarantine after exposure, but should get tested).
- If you are 65 years of age or older, you should avoid all indoor mass gatherings, even if you have been vaccinated.
- If you have a chronic medical condition, you should avoid all indoor mass gatherings, even if you have been vaccinated.

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- [If you have COVID-19 or are exposed: Isolation and quarantine](#)
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Business and Community

- [MSDH Guidance for Restaurants and Other Workplaces](#)

MSDH also recommends that individuals, organizations, businesses, and facilities in Mississippi follow appropriate CDC guidelines and recommendations for the prevention and control of COVID-19.

- [Business and workplace](#) CDC
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Child Care Facilities

- [MSDH COVID-19 Guidance for Child Care Facilities](#)
- [CDC Guidance for Operating Childcare Programs During COVID-19](#)
- [CDC Guidelines for Operating Youth and Summer Camps During COVID-19](#)
- [Youth and Summer Camps Readiness and Planning Tool](#)

Colleges and Universities

- [MSDH COVID-19 Guidance for Colleges and Universities](#)
August 2021
- [CDC college and university guidance](#)

K-12 Schools

- [MSDH Guidance for the Prevention and Control of COVID-19 in K-12 Settings](#)
July 2021
- [School guidance from the CDC](#)

Long-Term Care Facilities

Residents in long-term care facilities such nursing homes and assisted living facilities are at high risk from COVID-19, and the virus can spread quickly in these environments.

- Be vaccinated against COVID-19 before you visit a long-term care facility, or if you work in one.
- Wear a mask at all times inside these facilities if you are unvaccinated.
- Do not visit these facilities if you feel ill or have recently been exposed to someone with COVID-19.
- Visit family members only, and avoid contact with other residents.
- [MSDH Prevention and Response Guidelines for Long-Term Care Facilities](#)
- [Guidelines for Visitation in Nursing Homes \(CMS\)](#)
Revised March 27, 2021
- [Visitation, testing and staff guidance for all facility types \(CDC\)](#)
- [Long-Term Care Facility Testing Requirements \(CMS\)](#)
- [Interpreting Antigen Test Results in Long-Term Care Facilities](#)

General Information

- [Current COVID-19 Cases in Mississippi](#)
- [Full COVID-19 information from the CDC](#)
- [Handouts: Basic disease prevention, handwashing and more](#)
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