



CITY OPERATIONS

- All employees over 60 in a public-facing role will work from home.
- City continues to share the importance of staying home if not well, operating good basic hygiene protocols and if any are symptomatic – to call a primary care physician, an immediate care facility or our own employee health clinic.
- Basic services but below are several notes for our community:
- Last week, water cut-offs were suspended until further notice.
- For the next two weeks, Hub City Transit will suspend service on the GOLD and GREEN routes. Service on the BLUE route may additionally see less frequent service than posted. An interactive map featuring bus trackers can be accessed at hubcitytransit.com/map.
- Hattiesburg Police Department is shifting from taking in-person reports to taking them by phone and email. These actions will not be available in-person at HPD's physical locations at 300 Klondyke Street or 104 Lamar Boulevard
 - To file a report, call 601-545-4965.
 - To request a copy of a report, call 601-545-4964 or email records1@hattiesburgms.com.
- Additionally, all who call dispatch services will be prompted to answer questions regarding symptoms of COVID-19. This is to help ensure that first responders are able to put on the proper protective equipment (masks, gloves, etc.). All are asked to answer these questions honestly, but "I Don't Know" is absolutely an okay answer.

COURT PROCEDURES

Hattiesburg's leadership for municipal court has diligently and deliberately worked through processes to provide alternative ways to do business by phone and email. These are addressed by an emergency administrative order ([click to view](#)).

This order states that all cases scheduled for the weeks of March 16 – March 20 and March 23 – 27, including all previously scheduled plea days, trial days, DUI days and other dockets, will be continued (rescheduled).

Specifically, this means:

- All defendants scheduled for court cases during this time period and attorneys are instructed to contact the court via phone at 601-545-4938 or email municipalcourt@hattiesburgms.com to find out when said case will be rescheduled.
- Cases not reset within a reasonable amount of time will be reset by Court order.

- All defendants wishing to plea guilty to traffic cases may do so by phone at 601-545-4938 or email municipalcourt@hattiesburgms.com. Once communication occurs, instruction to fill out guilty plea forms will follow.

The court will remain open to the public, to allow for the filing of motions, charges, the seeking of Domestic Abuse Protection Orders, payment of fines and costs.

While open, all will be asked several screening questions before proceeding. Anyone with symptoms of COVID-19 (fever, cough + shortness of breath) should proceed with conducting court business via phone at 601-545-4938 or email municipalcourt@hattiesburgms.com.

BUSINESS GUIDELINES

To help provide framework for businesses to follow, Mayor Barker is issuing an executive order (effective March 18 – 31, 2020) that will:

- All full-service restaurants with indoor seating will cease operations at 9 p.m. daily. Once the dining room closes, a restaurant may still offer delivery or pick-up and to go orders.
- To further the city's social distancing efforts, full-service restaurants and coffee shops will reduce indoor seating capacity by half – or to 50, whichever is less. Restaurants must provide at least 6 feet of space between tables.
- Full-service restaurants and coffee shops will also reduce outdoor seating capacity by half – or to 50, whichever is less. Restaurants must provide at least 6 feet of space between tables.
- Bars and nightclubs will cease service at 12 a.m. daily. They will reduce their capacity by half of the posted patron limit. Last call will be 11:15 p.m. Everyone must be out and headed home by midnight.
- Mall food courts – both at Turtle Creek and Cloverleaf – will reduce seating capacity to 50 people and ensure there is at least 6 feet between tables.
- Operators will post notice to patrons that when they depart to please consider returning home.
- Operators will not allow gathering for waiting for seating, or access purposes. They will implement use of text messaging, phone call or other notification to advise if the table is ready.
- Operators will encourage no public gatherings in any area.
- Once patrons exit the premises of restaurants or bars, they may not loiter in the street or congregate in groups outside. This will be enforced city-wide.
- All dance hall permits are hereby suspended until March 31, 2020.
- All event venues shall ensure that there are no gatherings of more than 50 people.
- All gyms and fitness centers shall ensure there are no more than 50 people in their facilities at one time and will practice frequent sanitation methods throughout business hours.