

PROCLAMATION
TOWN OF MONTICELLO, MISSISSIPPI
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Mississippi, section 33-15-1 et. seq. of the Mississippi code, and other applicable law, the Town of Monticello, through its governing authorities, does hereby find and proclaim that the COVID-19 outbreak in the State of Mississippi constitutes a state of emergency. Pursuant to this declaration, it is hereby found and directed:

That the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 and the effects of its extreme risk of person-to-person transmission throughout the United States and Mississippi significantly impacts the life and health of our people, as well as the economy of Mississippi and the Town Monticello; and

That the risk of spread of COVID-19 within the Town of Monticello constitutes a public emergency that may result in substantial injury or harm to life, health, and property within Monticello; and

That confirmed cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed in Mississippi; and


That the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidance for responding to COVID-19 suggests avoiding crowds as much as possible, especially for older adults and individuals with the serious chronic medical conditions, and the Mississippi State Department of Health has recommended avoiding large crowds of people;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Martha M Watts, Mayor of the Town of Monticello, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Mississippi, do hereby order and direct as follows:

- 1 It is recommended that all restaurants within the Town of Monticello, Mississippi immediately take all necessary measures to ensure that gatherings larger than ten persons not occur inside their facilities. Any indoor dining must be arranged such that groups are spaced at least six feet apart and that any persons serving such groups engage in sanitation practices before traversing from one group to another. Any buffet, salad bar, or similar service should be restricted in a manner that such be accessed only by restaurant staff that have engaged in appropriate sanitation practices.
2. The use of drive through windows and curbside or other delivery service is highly recommended; and
3. Restaurants and other businesses should endeavor to utilize sanitation procedures at all times to protect the health and safety of their employees and customers.

The above orders shall go into effect upon signing and shall remain so until lifted in accordance with Mississippi Law. Failure to abide these orders may result in civil and/or criminal prosecution.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and Seal of the Town of Monticello, Mississippi to be affixed this 19th day of March, 2020.



Martha M. Watts, Mayor