



# SAFE RETURN FAQs

## GENERAL

### **HOW LONG WILL THIS LAST?**

- UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER 1508, THE SAFE RETURN ORDER HAS BEEN EXTENDED AND REMAINS IN EFFECT UNTIL 8:00 AM ON MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2020.
- YOU CAN VIEW THE SAFE RETURN ORDER ON GOVERNOR REEVES' WEBSITE UNDER "EXECUTIVE ORDERS" AT [GOVERNORREEVES.MS.GOV/COVID-19](http://GOVERNORREEVES.MS.GOV/COVID-19).

### **WHAT AREA DOES IT COVER?**

- THE ENTIRE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI.

## TRAVEL

### **CAN I GO TO WORK, THE STORE, OR SEE A DOCTOR/DENTIST?**

- YES. ALL TRAVEL MAY RESUME.
- HOWEVER, NON-ESSENTIAL BUSINESS TRAVEL SHOULD BE MINIMIZED, AND BUSINESS TRAVELERS SHOULD FOLLOW CDC GUIDELINES.

### **CAN I VISIT A FAMILY MEMBER IN THE HOSPITAL OR NURSING HOME?**

- NO. MOST VISITS ARE NOT ALLOWED. FOR THE SAFETY OF RESIDENTS, PATIENTS, AND STAFF, VISITS TO HOSPITALS AND NURSING HOMES ARE PROHIBITED EXCEPT TO VISIT THOSE INDIVIDUALS RECEIVING IMMINENT END-OF-LIFE CARE, OR AS OTHERWISE ALLOWED BY THAT HEALTHCARE FACILITY.

### **CAN I ATTEND MY CHURCH DURING THE SAFE RETURN ORDER?**

- YES. GOVERNOR REEVES HAS NEVER PROHIBITED IN-PERSON WORSHIP SERVICES, BUT HE HAS STRONGLY ENCOURAGED HOUSES OF WORSHIP TO CONSIDER HOLDING VIRTUAL SERVICES TO HELP LIMIT TRANSMISSION OF COVID-19.
- GUIDELINES FOR HOUSES OF WORSHIP TO SAFELY RESUME IN-PERSON SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE ON GOVERNOR REEVES' WEBSITE AT [GOVERNORREEVES.MS.GOV/COVID-19](http://GOVERNORREEVES.MS.GOV/COVID-19) UNDER "ADDITIONAL RESOURCES."
- HOWEVER, WE CONTINUE TO ASK THAT CHURCH SERVICES BE HELD ONLINE AND REMOTELY TO HELP SLOW THE SPREAD OF COVID-19.

### **IF A FAMILY MEMBER HAS BEEN QUARANTINED BECAUSE OF A KNOWN CONTACT WITH AN ACTIVE DIAGNOSED CASE OF COVID-19, MAY I STILL VISIT HIM/HER?**

- NO. PLEASE CONSULT WITH THE APPROPRIATE MEDICAL AND HEALTH OFFICIALS ON SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS.

## GROUP GATHERINGS

### **CAN I ATTEND MY FAMILY'S ANNUAL PICNIC IF WE HOLD IT OUTSIDE?**

- UNDER THE AMENDED SAFE RETURN ORDER, SOCIAL GATHERINGS ARE LIMITED TO 10 OR LESS INDOORS AND 20 OR LESS OUTDOORS.
- YOU CAN VIEW EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 1511 ON OUR WEBSITE UNDER "EXECUTIVE ORDERS" AT [GOVERNORREEVES.MS.GOV/COVID-19](http://GOVERNORREEVES.MS.GOV/COVID-19).



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## **GROUP GATHERINGS (CONT.)**

### **ARE RECEPTION HALLS AND CONFERENCE CENTERS OPEN?**

- YES. RECEPTION HALLS AND CONFERENCE CENTERS ARE ALLOWED TO OPEN TO HOST SEATED EVENTS FOLLOWING THE GUIDELINES IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 1492.
- SEATING IS LIMITED TO 25% CAPACITY WITH STRICT SOCIAL DISTANCING.
- FOOD SERVICES MUST FOLLOW THE SAME GUIDELINES FOR RESTAURANTS UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER 1478.

### **ARE INDOOR AND OUTDOOR ARENAS OPEN?**

- YES. INDOOR AND OUTDOOR ARENAS ARE ALLOWED TO OPEN FOLLOWING THE SAME GUIDELINES AS RECEPTION HALLS AND CONFERENCE CENTERS IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 1492.
- SEATING IS LIMITED TO 25% CAPACITY WITH STRICT SOCIAL DISTANCING.

## **BUSINESS OPERATIONS**

### **WHAT BUSINESSES REMAIN CLOSED?**

- NONE. ALL BUSINESSES AND NONPROFITS OPERATING WITHIN MISSISSIPPI ARE ALLOWED TO OPEN FOLLOWING GUIDELINES TO MINIMIZE PERSON-TO-PERSON INTERACTIONS AND TRANSMISSION OF COVID-19.
- NO MORE THAN 50% CAPACITY IN A STORE AT ONE TIME TO ENSURE SOCIAL DISTANCING PROTOCOLS.

### **DO I NEED TO TAKE TEMPERATURES FOR EACH CUSTOMER WHO COMES TO MY BUSINESS?**

- NO. BUSINESSES ARE NOT REQUIRED TO TAKE THE TEMPERATURE OF CUSTOMERS BEFORE THEY ENTER THE STORE.

## **RESTAURANTS & BARS**

### **CAN I HAVE LIVE MUSIC PERFORMANCES AT MY RESTAURANT?**

- YES. THERE MUST BE AT LEAST 12 FEET DISTANCE BETWEEN THE MUSICIANS AND CUSTOMERS, FOLLOWING SOCIAL DISTANCING GUIDELINES.

### **WHAT ARE THE LIMITATIONS ON IN-HOUSE DINING SERVICES?**

- THE SAFE RETURN ORDER DOES NOT CHANGE THE LIMITATIONS ON IN-HOUSE DINING IN RESTAURANTS.
- THE ENTIRE RESTAURANT AND BAR MUST BE DEEP-CLEANED, DISINFECTED, AND SANITIZED BEFORE YOU CAN RESUME IN-HOUSE DINING SERVICES. ONCE OPEN, ONLY 50% CAPACITY WILL BE ALLOWED.
- YOU CAN VIEW THE FULL REQUIREMENTS UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER 1478 ON GOVERNOR REEVES' WEBSITE AT [GOVERNORREEVES.MS.GOV/COVID-19](http://GOVERNORREEVES.MS.GOV/COVID-19).

### **CAN I OPEN MY BAR UNDER THE AMENDED SAFE RETURN ORDER?**

- YES. BARS CAN ONLY SELL ALCOHOL TO SEATED CUSTOMERS, AND NO ALCOHOL CAN BE SOLD AT RESTAURANTS OR BARS AFTER 11:00 PM UNTIL 7:00 AM.
- SOCIAL DISTANCING MEASURES, SUCH AS LIMITING TO 50% CAPACITY, UPDATING FLOOR PLANS TO ENSURE 6 FEET DISTANCE BETWEEN GROUPS, AND LIMITING TO 6 PEOPLE PER TABLE, REMAIN IN EFFECT.



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## **RESTAURANTS & BARS (CONT.)**

**I'M CONCERNED ABOUT GOING BACK TO WORK FOR A RESTAURANT SINCE I'LL BE IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH CUSTOMERS. IS MY EMPLOYER GOING TO PROVIDE ANY PROTECTIONS FOR EMPLOYEES?**

- UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER 1478, RESTAURANTS MUST PROVIDE A FACE COVERING, SUCH AS A CLOTH MASK, TO EVERY EMPLOYEE WHO COMES IN DIRECT CONTACT WITH CUSTOMERS. EMPLOYEES ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR THAT MASK WHILE ON DUTY AND CLEAN OR REPLACE IT DAILY.
- YOU CAN VIEW THE FULL LIST OF EMPLOYEE PROTECTIONS FROM COVID-19 IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 1478 AT GOVERNOR REEVES' WEBSITE UNDER "EXECUTIVE ORDERS" AT [GOVERNORREEVES.MS.GOV/COVID-19](http://GOVERNORREEVES.MS.GOV/COVID-19).

**IT'S MY GRANDMOTHER'S BIRTHDAY. CAN MY WHOLE FAMILY GO OUT TO DINNER TO CELEBRATE?**

- UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER 1478, PARTY SIZES AT RESTAURANTS ARE LIMITED TO A MAXIMUM OF 6 CUSTOMERS PER TABLE.
- WE STRONGLY ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ANY TECHNOLOGY IMPLEMENTED BY RESTAURANTS TO LIMIT PERSON-TO-PERSON CONTACT, SUCH AS MOBILE/ONLINE RESERVATIONS AND TEXT UPON ARRIVAL.

**CAN MY RESTAURANT REMAIN OPEN AFTER 10:00 PM TO CONTINUE SERVING CUSTOMERS?**

- YES. UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 1496, RESTAURANTS AND BARS ARE ALLOWED TO REMAIN OPEN PAST 10:00 PM.
- UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 1511, NO ALCOHOL CAN BE SOLD AT RESTAURANTS OR BARS AFTER 11:00 PM UNTIL 7:00 AM.

## **HEALTHCARE**

**CAN I SCHEDULE ELECTIVE MEDICAL AND DENTAL PROCEDURES?**

- YES. HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS, INCLUDING DENTISTS, AND HEALTHCARE FACILITIES MAY PERFORM ALL NON-EMERGENT, ELECTIVE MEDICAL AND DENTAL PROCEDURES AND SURGERIES.
- UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 1508, HEALTHCARE FACILITIES MUST RESERVE 10% OF THEIR HOSPITAL CAPACITY FOR TREATMENT OF COVID-19 PATIENTS.
- ALL PATIENTS MUST BE SCREENED FOR COVID-19 PRIOR TO THE PROCEDURE OR SURGERY.

## **PERSONAL CARE**

**CAN I EXERCISE OR WORK OUT?**

- YES. FITNESS AND EXERCISE GYMS ARE ALLOWED TO OPEN FOLLOWING THE GUIDELINES IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 1480 WITH STRICT SOCIAL DISTANCING AND CAPACITY GUIDELINES.
- YOU CAN VIEW THE FULL LIST OF REQUIREMENTS IN THE EXECUTIVE ORDER AT [GOVERNORREEVES.MS.GOV/COVID-19](http://GOVERNORREEVES.MS.GOV/COVID-19).



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## PERSONAL CARE (CONT.)

### **CAN I GET A TATTOO?**

- YES. TATTOO PARLORS, INCLUDING BODY PIERCING, ARE ALLOWED TO OPEN FOLLOWING THE GUIDELINES IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 1486.

### **CAN I GET MY HAIR AND NAILS DONE?**

- YES. SALONS AND BARBERSHOPS ARE ALLOWED TO OPEN FOLLOWING THE GUIDELINES IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 1480 WITH STRICT SOCIAL DISTANCING.
- SALONS INCLUDE HAIR SALONS, NAIL SALONS, SPAS, AND MASSAGE THERAPY.
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## OUTDOOR RECREATION

### **CAN MY KIDS PLAY IN A BASEBALL TOURNAMENT?**

- YES. SPORTS COMPLEXES AND MULTI-FIELD FACILITIES ARE ALLOWED TO HOST PRACTICES, GAMES AND TOURNAMENTS, FOLLOWING THE GUIDELINES IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 1491.
- THE NUMBER OF PLAYERS, COACHES, AND FANS AT A FIELD IS LIMITED TO NO MORE THAN 100, WHILE FOLLOWING SOCIAL DISTANCING TO THE FULLEST EXTENT POSSIBLE.

### **ARE STATE PARKS OPEN?**

- YES. STATE, MUNICIPAL, AND PRIVATE PARKS MAY OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES, FOLLOWING GUIDELINES FROM THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES, AND PARKS OR LOCAL AUTHORITIES.
- WALKING TRAILS REMAIN OPEN SUBJECT TO LOCAL AUTHORITY.

### **CAN I GO TO MY NEIGHBORHOOD POOL?**

- YES. POOLS MAY OPEN 24 HOURS A DAY WITH SOCIAL DISTANCING, LIMITING TO 50% OF CAPACITY OF THE POOL AREA, AND FOLLOWING ANY LOCAL OR PRIVATE RESTRICTIONS.

### **CAN I GO TO THE WATER PARK?**

- YES. OUTDOOR PLACES OF AMUSEMENT, SUCH AS AMUSEMENT PARKS AND RIDES, WATER PARKS, GO-KART TRACKS, MINI GOLF, AND PLAYGROUNDS ARE ALLOWED TO OPEN FOLLOWING THE GUIDELINES IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 1487, INCLUDING LIMITING CUSTOMERS TO 50% CAPACITY AND STRICT SOCIAL DISTANCING.

### **CAN I GO FOR A BOAT RIDE?**

- YES. RECREATIONAL BOATING WITH APPROPRIATE SOCIAL DISTANCING TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE INSIDE THE BOAT IS PERMITTED.
- THE NUMBER OF PERSONS IN THE BOAT ARE LIMITED TO THE GREATER OF TWO OCCUPANTS OR 50% OF THE OCCUPANCY LIMIT OF ALL MULTI-PERSON BOATS.



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## **INDOOR RECREATION (CONT.)**

### **CAN MY KIDS GO TO THE SCHOOL GYM TO WORKOUT?**

- YES. SCHOOL WEIGHT ROOMS AND TRAINING FACILITIES CAN OPEN TO STUDENTS FOLLOWING THE GUIDELINES FOR GYMS IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 1480 AND SUBJECT TO RULES AND REGULATIONS OF GOVERNING ATHLETIC ASSOCIATIONS.

### **CAN I TAKE MY KIDS TO THE TRAMPOLINE PARK OR BOWLING ALLEY?**

- YES. INDOOR RECREATION AND PLACES OF AMUSEMENT, SUCH AS CHILDREN'S PARTY AND PLAY FACILITIES, PLAYGROUNDS, TRAMPOLINE FACILITIES, BOWLING ALLEYS, ROLLER SKATING RINKS, AND ARCADES ARE ALLOWED TO OPEN FOLLOWING THE GUIDELINES IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 1492.
- NO MORE THAN 50% CAPACITY TO ENSURE SOCIAL DISTANCING.
- ALL EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING ROLLER SKATES, BOWLING BALLS AND SHOES, LASER TAG GUNS, AND TRAMPOLINES MUST BE SANITIZED AND DISINFECTED AFTER EACH USE.

### **CAN I GO SEE A MOVIE?**

- YES. MOVIE THEATERS AND AUDITORIUMS ARE ALLOWED TO OPEN FOLLOWING THE GUIDELINES IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 1491, INCLUDING LIMITING TICKET SALES TO 50% OF SEATING CAPACITY.

### **CAN I GO TO THE LIBRARY OR MUSEUM?**

- YES. LIBRARIES AND MUSEUMS ARE ALLOWED TO OPEN FOLLOWING THE GUIDELINES IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 1491, INCLUDING LIMITING THE NUMBER OF GUESTS TO 50% OF MAXIMUM CAPACITY.

### **CAN MY KIDS GO TO DANCE CLASS?**

- YES. DANCE STUDIOS ARE ALLOWED TO OPEN FOLLOWING THE GUIDELINES ON GYMS IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 1486.

## **LEGAL AUTHORITIES**

### **I HAVE A COURT APPEARANCE SCHEDULE, MAY I ATTEND?**

- YES. ALL STATE COURTS CONTINUE TO BE OPEN.
- PLEASE CONSULT WITH YOUR ATTORNEY AND COURT PERSONNEL TO BE SURE OF THE DATE AND TIME, OR TO LEARN IF IT HAS BEEN POSTPONED OR RESCHEDULED BEFORE TRAVELING.

### **WHAT IF MY CITY OR TOWN HAS ADOPTED MORE STRICT REGULATIONS?**

- COMBATING COVID-19 IN MISSISSIPPI IS A JOINT EFFORT WITH FEDERAL, STATE, COUNTY, AND LOCAL OFFICIALS WORKING TOGETHER.
- LOCAL OR COUNTY AUTHORITIES UNDERSTAND THE LOCAL COMMUNITY BEST AND MAY ADOPT AND ENFORCE RULES THAT ARE MORE STRICT, AS LONG THEY DO NOT PREVENT ANY ESSENTIAL BUSINESS OR OPERATION AS IDENTIFIED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 1463 FROM PROVIDING ESSENTIAL SERVICES AND FUNCTIONS.