

EMERGENCY ORDER OF THE LAMAR COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

In accordance with the Proclamations, Executive Orders and Declarations of Emergency issued by this Board, the Governor of the State of Mississippi and the President of the United States due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and for the health, safety and security of the public and Lamar County employees, the Lamar County Board of Supervisors hereby ORDERS as follows:

1. This Order shall be effective at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 3, 2020, and shall remain in full force and effect until 8:00 a.m. on Monday, April 20, 2020, unless rescinded, modified or extended.

2. All Citizens shall comply with all executive orders issued by Governor Tate Reeves regarding Covid-19, including but not limited to Executive Order 1463 dated March 24, 2020 as supplemented and Executive Order 1466 dated April 1, 2020. In particular, social gatherings or social crowds of ten (10) or more people is strictly prohibited and will not be tolerated in Lamar County, Mississippi.

3. Any law enforcement officer of this county may enforce this order and all Executive Orders by issuing a post arrest citation for any violations thereof. Any person violating any provision of this order or said Executive Orders shall upon conviction thereof, be punishable by a fine not exceeding Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) or imprisonment for not exceeding six (6) months or both, pursuant to Mississippi Code Annotated 33-15-43.

4. The Elected Officials and Department Heads of this county will continue to operate their departments and offices at a reduced schedule with reduced personnel at the discretion of said Elected Officials and Department Heads. Elected officials and Department Heads are encouraged to operate their offices with minimum essential staffing. Elected Officials and Department Heads are encouraged to take advantage of on-line resources in the operations of their offices

5. There shall be only one entrance to each of the following buildings for all personnel including the public and building staff:

- a. Lamar County Circuit Courthouse (entrance shall be the back door)
- b. Pete Gamble Chancery Courthouse (entrance shall be the front door)
(The record room in the Chancery Clerk's office will be closed to the public from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.)
- c. Lamar County Justice Court Building (entrance shall be the front door)
- d. Lamar County Administration Building (entrance shall be the front door)

6. Under Mississippi Constitution, Article 3, § 24 as confirmed by Mississippi Supreme Court administrative orders, the courts of this County must and shall remain open. This Order is not intended to conflict with or otherwise infringe upon any administrative order issued by any of the Courts of Lamar County (including but not limited to Circuit Court, County Court, Chancery Court) about the ongoing operations of their respective courts.

7. White Goods drop off (normally done on Saturday) shall be suspended until further notice.

8. Optimist Park, located in Oak Grove, including the walking track, shall be closed until further notice.

9. Wood Hinton Park located in Lumberton shall be closed. The playground equipment will be roped off, however, the walking track shall remain open.

10. Pop-Up Restaurants/Vendors shall utilize social distancing and limit the number of people in line for drive-up and curbside take out as per the CDC guidelines and directions.

11. All Lamar County Community Centers shall remain closed until April 19, 2020.

12. Any Lamar County employee may self-identify with the Human Resources Manager if said employee is age 60 or above or an employee with a chronic illness such as heart disease, diabetes, or lung disease. Said employee who self-identifies may be eligible for administrative leave as determined by the Human Resources Manager.

13. This is an evolving situation and extraordinary times. The Board shall continuously evaluate the terms of this Order. When this Board is not in session, the Board President, after consultation with the County Administrator and the Board Attorney, may call a special meeting to modify the terms of this Order to help ensure the health, safety and protection of the public as well as of the various staff and officials who work in Lamar County and its buildings.

Motion made by: Supervisor Brent

Seconded by: Supervisor Lucas

Said motion passed unanimously.

SO ORDERED this the 2nd day of April, 2020.

LAMAR COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY:


Warren Byrd, President

ATTEST:


James D. Aultman

(SEAL)

