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Mayor [Errick D. Simmons](#) and Greenville City Council Issues Order Mandating No Gathering of More than Ten (10) People

In an effort to prevent the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19), Mayor Simmons and City Council have declared a local emergency and have put in place protective preventive measures for the safety of city employees, residents, and visitors. The preventative measures below follow the President's Coronavirus Guidelines for America, the Center for Disease Control, and the Mississippi State Department of Health guidelines. These preventive measures are subject to change based on changes to federal and state guidelines.

ORDER

MANDATING, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, THAT NO GATHERINGS OF MORE THAN TEN (10) PEOPLE MAY OCCUR WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF GREENVILLE, MISSISSIPPI INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, DANCE HALLS, BARS, TAVERNS, RESTAURANT DINING AREAS, CHURCHES, FUNERALS, GYMNASIUMS, OR OUTDOOR RECREATION FACILITIES, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THOSE ESTABLISHMENTS INVOLVED IN THE PROVIDING OF NECESSITIES SUCH AS GROCERY STORES, PHARMACIES, CONVENIENCE STORES, LAUNDRY MATS, DISCOUNT AND/OR DOLLAR STORES MAY REMAIN OPEN AND INSTITUTE SUCH SANITIZING PROCEDURES AS RECOMMENDED BY STATE AND FEDERAL GUIDELINES, AND AUTHORIZING AND EMPOWERING THE GREENVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT WITH ASSISTANCE OF OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, AS NEEDED, TO ENFORCE SUCH RULE OF LAW TO IMMEDIATELY DISBURSE SUCH GATHERINGS FOUND TO BE IN VIOLATION AND CLOSE SAID ESTABLISHMENT(S) AND REQUIRING THAT SAID ESTABLISHMENT(S) SHALL REMAIN CLOSED UNTIL THE EMERGENCY DECLARED BY PROCLAMATION OF THE GREENVILLE CITY COUNCIL ON MARCH 17, 2020 STATING THAT CONDITIONS OF EXTREME PERIL HAVE ARISEN WITHIN THE CITY CAUSED BY COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) ARE DEEMED LIFTED PURSUANT TO POWERS GRANTED UNDER MS CODE ANNOTATED § 33-15-17(d) .

Mayor and City Council has now limited public access to City Hall. Municipal services and offices will remain open, but by appointment only. Customers can pay water bills at the drive through window. Privilege licenses and permits can still be obtained by calling the appropriate city departments.

The City of Greenville has cancelled any and all public meetings, zoning or code enforcement meetings, committee meetings, activities, gatherings, and events where over 10 people will be present.

It is ordered that any and all private events and gatherings (i.e. bars, dance halls, clubs, restaurants, churches, funerals, gymnasium, or outdoor recreation facilities etc.) where over 10 people will be present should be cancelled and/or postponed, with the exception of those businesses providing essential services such as grocery stores, pharmacies, convenience stores, laundry mats, discount and/dollar stores MAY REMAIN OPEN AND INSTITUTE SUCH SANITIZING PROCEDURES AS

RECOMMENDED BY STATE AND FEDERAL GUIDELINES.

This will be strictly enforced by the Greenville Police Department and failure to comply will result in the suspension of operations until further notice from the city.

Anyone 65 years or older, or anyone with severe medical conditions, should not be in or near crowds of over 10 people.

Precautions at gatherings should include proper hand hygiene, social distancing, and enhanced ventilation.

Do not visit a place where the virus is verified to be present and do not go into crowds and practice social distancing.

Do not visit a hospital or emergency room if you believe you have contracted COVID-19. Call ahead before visiting any clinic or hospital for specific testing and visiting directions.

All City of Greenville's personnel should take proper precautions when making contact with the public.

City of Greenville's recreational centers and facilities including all events at Buster Brown Community Center will be closed and cancelled until further notice. The Buster Brown Administrative Office, the Greenville Municipal Golf Course, and all parks will remain open. However, parks restrooms will not be available for usage.

Greenville's Fire Department has cancelled, facility tours, and safety presentations. There has been a suspension of the smoking alarm program, going into homes installing smoke alarms, and a suspension of business inspections from the Fire Marshall's office. Greenville's Fire Department has cancelled, facility tours, and safety presentations. There has been a suspension of the smoking alarm program, going into homes installing smoke alarms, and a suspension of business inspections from the Fire Marshall's office.

The City of Greenville is suspending water disconnections for the next 60 days.

The City of Greenville is suspending all city-funded, employee travel unless deemed necessary by the Mayor and City Council.

The City of Greenville is requesting that the public not attend City Council Meetings unless you are on the agenda for a presentation however the 10 people rule applies. All City Council Meetings may be viewed on the public access channel on Channel 12.

All City-owned buildings, including City Hall, will be regularly sanitized, checked for sufficient amounts of soap and /or hand sanitizer, and paper towels at 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m., and 5:30 p.m.

It is strongly encouraged that people who have recently traveled self-quarantined for fourteen (14) days.

For further protective recommendations, please visit www.msdh.ms.gov or call 1-877-978-6453.

These preventive measures are subject to change in accordance to state and federal mandates,

guidelines, and applicable law.

The Delta Regional Medical Center
Hotline is 662-725-6000

Statement of Mayor Simmons

Today it has been confirmed that the City of Greenville has a Coronavirus case, I know Greenvillians are concerned about coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). Staying at home is a must unless it is essential(work, groceries, medicines, gas, necessities, etc.). No more than 10 people should be gathering that has been recently order by the Greenville City Council. Respect social distancing. Failure to do so placed yourselves, your families, health care workers, first responders, and the general public at serious risk. Law enforcement is charged to take necessary steps to protect and serve the general public.