



COVID-19 BUSINESS READINESS

Social Media Messaging – as of May 5, 2020

Is Coastal Mississippi safe to travel to right now?

As the state takes action to halt the spread of COVID-19, we urge all visitors to take protective measures against the virus and make informed travel decisions. We hope that you are inspired to visit Coastal Mississippi when it makes sense for you to do so. More information can be found by visiting the CDC's Travel FAQs here:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/faqs.html>.

What is your business doing to protect employees and guests?

Include specific information here regarding staff members [i.e. required to wear PPE, screened for symptoms, increased ventilation rates, etc.] and sanitation measures [i.e. hand sanitizer stations, additional cleaning in hotel rooms, disinfecting and additional cleaning of frequently touched objects and surfaces, etc.]

How is your business limiting occupancy and adhering to social distancing recommendations?

Outline specific information here [i.e. limited occupancy, amount of people allowed on elevator at one time, etc.]

How are you limiting person-to-person contact?

Include specific measures you have taken here [i.e. reducing cash handling, increasing pre-purchase sales, etc.]

I'm worried about visiting Coastal Mississippi due to the coronavirus.

Your safety is of the utmost priority to us. As this situation is everchanging, the state of Mississippi is working diligently to halt the spread of COVID-19. For the latest from the CDC, please visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/>.

Are there any travel restriction in place?

Currently, there are no travel restrictions in place for the State of Mississippi. We urge all visitors to take protective measures against COVID-19 and make informed travel decisions. More information on items to consider prior to traveling can be found here:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/travel-in-the-us.html>.

Are the beaches open in Coastal Mississippi?

Currently, all beaches are open in Hancock, Harrison and Jackson counties. However, social distancing is strictly enforced, and beachgoers must limit groups to 20 people or less.

Are the casinos open in Coastal Mississippi?

The casino properties in Coastal Mississippi are still closed at this time.

Should I cancel my trip/stay/visit?

We urge all visitors to take protective measures to keep Coastal Mississippi as safe and healthy as possible. Before cancelling your upcoming trip, we hope you will explore rescheduling as an alternative solution. We hope to see you in Coastal Mississippi, when it best suits you.

Many businesses around me are closed. What can I do?

Whether heading out for a day trip or for a long weekend, we urge all visitors to take protective measures against COVID-19 and make informed travel decisions to keep our state as healthy as possible.

Restaurants are still limited to drive-through, carry out and delivery. Starting Thursday, May 7, Gov. Reeves announced that he will allow restaurants to offer limited in-house dining and larger outdoor gatherings of 20 or less. Restaurants will be allowed to open indoor and outdoor dining as long as they adhere to extensive requirements outlined by the updated order.

Now is a great time to rest, relax or spend time outdoors. Here's some inspiration on outdoor recreation: <https://www.gulfcoast.org/things-to-do/outdoor-adventure-and-nature/>. Now is a great time to make a Coastal Mississippi bucket list! We've got you covered on destination inspiration: <https://www.gulfcoast.org/blog/post/explore-the-mississippi-gulf-coast-like-a-local/>.

How can I find out more about the number of cases in Mississippi and additional information from the Mississippi State Department of Health?

The Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH) has activated the Mississippi COVID-19 hotline to answer questions from the general public from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. For up-to-date information, call the hotline, check the MSDH website at [HealthyMS.com/COVID-19](https://www.healthymississippi.com/COVID-19), or download the free MS Ready app for Apple and Android.

The hotline number is 1-877-978-6453.

Follow MSDH by email and social media at [HealthyMS.com/connect](https://www.healthymississippi.com/connect).

CDC recommendations for best disease prevention:

- Wash hands frequently with soap and water
- Do not touch your mouth, nose, and eyes with unwashed hands
- Avoid close contact with those who are sick, and avoid public places if you develop respiratory illness symptoms like fever and cough
- More information can be found at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus>