



COVID-19 PARTNER UPDATE MARCH 17, 2020

CURRENT SITUATION

- Federal recommendations
 - No more than 10 people
 - Encouraged cancellation of discretionary travel
- Booking pace and rescheduling or cancellations
- Postponement versus cancellation



MARKETING

- Strategy based on feedback from:
 - Partner agencies (advertising, social media and public relations)
 - Community members
 - Restauranteurs, hoteliers, attractions, municipalities and industry peers
- Pausing all paid media efforts for next 30 days
- Pausing paid social media advertising for week of 3/16 to shift messaging and targeting
- Constant reassessment is the standard for the foreseeable future

MARKETING

- Adjustments to coastalmississippi.com
 - COVID-19 Alert on homepage with resources for visitors
 - Partner page for COVID-19 with all resources
 - Changing imagery and information on home page based on key learnings from agencies
 - Updating events page and attractions regarding temporary closings

PARTNERS

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ANNUAL REPORTS

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

EXTRANET LOGIN FOR PARTNERS

MARKETING

OFFICIAL MINUTES

OFFICIAL KPI REPORTS

RESEARCH & ADDITIONAL REPORTS

FRESHWATER INTRUSION ISSUES

STAFF DIRECTORY

STRATEGIC PARTNERS

SUBMIT AN EVENT

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REBRANDING HIGHLIGHTS

COVID-19

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Resources

We know you may be receiving inquiries or concerns related to Coronavirus (COVID-19) and its potential impacts to Coastal Mississippi travel. We share concerns about

- Coronavirus, and the health of our residents and visitors is of the utmost importance.
- We encourage you to leverage resources we have provided and additional information from official authorities, included below, when communicating about the issue to your current and prospective clients/quests.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Resources

Letter to Meeting or Event Organizer (Template)

<u>Letter to Leisure Traveler (Template)</u>

Event Updates

COVID-19 Information for Visitors



SALES

- Engaging with current clients
 - Explaining situation and navigating concerns
 - Encouraging postponements versus cancellations
- Utilize resources provided on partners page
- Reach out to our team with any questions or if you need support



COMMUNICATIONS

- Updating audiences about what is happening in-destination on organic social, not calls to action to travel
- Pitching strategy is shifting
 - Media are interested in COVID-19 related stories
 - Share interesting angles regarding how community members are helping each other during time of uncertainty
- It is important that we inform, not interject. The health of residents and travelers is our top priority.



COMMUNICATIONS

- Partners will continue to receive frequent updates from our team about the issue and how our strategies evolve as we learn more information.
- Our team will update the COVID-19 partner page daily and will share new information via email.
 - Next update will include recording of this webinar as well as our comprehensive FAQ including how our strategy is shifting and additional resources
- Use creativity and healthy tactics to connect with your customers and guests

CONTACT US

- Feedback and concerns regarding strategy
 - Please email our team:
 - Milton: Milton@coastalmississippi.com
 - Karen: <u>Karen@coastalmississippi.com</u>
 - Erin: <u>Erin@coastalmississippi.com</u>
- Coastal Mississippi Team will be working from home
- Suspended travel to shows and sales missions until travels are safe to resume

THANK YOU



- The Secret Coast —