

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2020-2

WHEREAS, the City of Forest has declared a Proclamation of Local Emergency in response to the COVID-19 outbreak and in cases of pandemic, leaders must make strategic and operational decisions: and,

WHEREAS, Governor Tate Reeves issued Executive Order 1477 a measured and strategic plan to reopen the economy.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Nancy Chambers, Mayor of the City of Forest, pursuant to the authority vested in me by the State of Mississippi pursuant to Code Section 33-15-17(c)(7) and in an effort to slow the spread of COVID-19 and to make policy and operational decisions to that end, and consistent with the stated purposes of Executive Order 1477 issued by Governor Tate Reeves, hereby issue the following guidelines for businesses in the City of Forest which will be implemented beginning May 1, 2020, and will be enforced until 8:00 a.m., May 11, 2020.

1. SOCIAL DISTANCING OF AT LEAST SIX FEET AND NO GATHERING OF TEN PEOPLE OR MORE MUST BE PRACTICED.
2. FACE MASKS ARE STRONGLY RECOMMENDED.
3. Shelter in Place: All vulnerable individuals, including all elderly individuals (age 65 or older per CDC guidelines) and individuals with serious underlying health conditions, including high blood pressure, chronic lung disease, diabetes, obesity, asthma, and those whose immune system are compromised as such by chemotherapy for cancer or any other condition requiring such therapy, are encouraged to continue the shelter in place pursuant to Executive Order 1466, as extended and amended by Executive Order 1473.
4. All personal care and grooming businesses, including but not limited to, barber shops, beauty salons, nail salons, spas, massage parlors, exercise studios, fitness centers and facilities, gyms and other similar businesses shall remain closed unless drive thru or curb side sale and delivery of retail merchandise is possible.
5. All places of public amusement and recreation facilities, whether indoors or outdoors, including but not limited to parks, libraries, children party or play facilities shall remain closed with the exception that walking trails shall be open with social distancing practiced.
6. All restaurants, with or without drive-in or drive-through services, may only provide take-out, pick-up, delivery or drive-through services. There shall not be inside or outside dining, or available sitting areas for the public.
7. Healthcare activities will be governed by Executive Order 1477 issued by Governor Tate Reeves.

8. Retail businesses shall adopt reasonable measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19, including but not limited to, limiting the number of customers in their stores at one time to no greater than 50% of store capacity in order to ensure compliance with social distancing protocols, and frequent cleaning of high-contact surfaces (such as retail counters, door handles, credit card machines). Retail businesses are encouraged to make hand sanitizer available to their customers upon entry of their stores.
9. During COVID-19, shopping for essentials should not be a family activity. **Children under 16 years of age shall not be allowed in public businesses.**
10. A city wide curfew will be in effect from 10:00 p.m. until 6:00 a.m.

VIOLATION of this executive order constitutes a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to \$500.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Nancy Chambers, Mayor of the City of Forest, issue this Executive Order on Wednesday, April 29, 2020.

Nancy N. Chambers, Mayor

Faye Johnston, City Clerk