

## About Coronavirus (COVID-19)

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is emphasizing that while the current COVID-19 poses a potentially serious public health threat, the risk to individuals is dependent on exposure. For the general population in Grenada, Mississippi, the risk of infection of COVID-19 is currently low.

Most common symptoms include:

- Fever
- Cough or shortness of breath
- Headache

COVID-19 is most likely spread from droplets from coughing and sneezing, and symptoms may appear in as few as two days, or as long as 14 days, after exposure.

There is currently no specific treatment for COVID-19, however, most people with this infection will recover on their own. For patients who are more severely ill, hospitals can provide supportive care.

***If you think you may have been exposed to COVID-19, contact your health care provider immediately.***

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## Steps the City of Grenada is Taking

- On March 5, 2020, City Manager Trina N. George, issued a *Frequently Asked Questions* document from the Mississippi State Department of Health via the City of Grenada's website and Facebook page. The information detailed pertinent information concerning COVID-19.
- On March 12, 2020, City Manager Trina N. George issued a Coronavirus update from the Mississippi Department of Health and provided a COVID-19 Hotline number (1-877-978-6453).
- On March 13, 2020, City Manager Trina N. George issued an update regarding the COVID-19 concerning Mississippi and the U. S.
- On March 13, 2020, City Manager Trina N. George issued a statement regarding the City of Grenada taking precautionary measures for the Coronavirus as it relates to the City's Department Heads and all Employees.
- On March 16, 2020, City Manager Trina N. George provided information regarding an Order of the Court signed by the City of Grenada Municipal Court Judge, Judge Rusty Harlow stating the operation of court during a state of emergency.
- On March 16, 2020, City Manager Trina N. George issued a directive to close all city parks facilities beginning March 17, 2020 until March 23, 2020 to combat the spread of coronavirus. City Manager George also stated that the proposed dates may change depending on the federal and state outlook of the coronavirus situation.

## NEW DIRECTIVES

- Public Gatherings – All public or private gatherings of 10 or more people in any indoor or outdoor space are prohibited. All non-essential social gatherings of any size are strongly discouraged, and it is strongly recommended that the public follow the March 16, 2020 guidance by the Centers for Disease Control by limiting gatherings in places of worship and implement new ways to practice faith while observing social distancing.
  - All City of Grenada public buildings are opened for business; however, precautionary measures have been put into place in order to limit the number of people in an area at one time. Signs have been placed on office doors with guidance.
  - City departments will execute their continuity of operations plans and continue to provide essential services including police, fire-rescue, water, wastewater and trash pick-up.
  - The City will limit parking enforcement and issuance of citations during this time.
  - Public Utilities - The City suspended all water shutoffs as a result of nonpayment and utility bills will not be charged interest fees for late or nonpayment. (Mississippi Public Service Commissions, March 15, 2020 – Statement) Customers are encouraged to pay utility bills to the extent possible based on individual circumstances. Anyone with questions or concerns about their water meter can contact the City of Grenada Water Department 662-227-3415.
  - Educational flyers about COVID-19 have been posted on the City of Grenada Facebook page and website.
  - The City of Grenada continues to monitor COVID-19 and is in closely following guidance from officials at the Mississippi Department of Health and Human Services and the Center for Disease Control. The City will continue to follow their directives including any required quarantines or closures.
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- Boards and Commissions: Effective immediately, all City Commission meetings are suspended through the end of March. During that time, the City will evaluate how to reconvene essential meetings using social distancing guidelines and/or using remote conferencing should the Governor's order remain in effect past the end of March.
  - Office of the City Clerk: Updates on City Council Meetings and Municipal Election:

### **COVID- 19 PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT**

- Until further notice City Council meetings will be conducted as follows:
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- Per State of Mississippi Office of the Governor Executive Office 1458, and in the interest of public health and safety, we strongly encourage members of the public to practice social distancing. Pursuant to this, we are providing alternatives to in-person attendance for viewing and participating in City Council meetings. In lieu of in-person attendance, members of the public may submit their comments to City Hall by 3:00pm the Friday prior to the Council

meeting. You may send it to [cityofgrenada@cablone.net](mailto:cityofgrenada@cablone.net) to be distributed to the Councilmembers.

- In-person public comment on items will be limited to one minute. Comments submitted using the public comment form (which will be read into the record) are limited to 250 words.
- **PLEASE NOTE:** Seating for the public will be limited to whatever social gathering protocols are in effect at the time of the meeting.
- Rather than attend in person, the public is strongly encouraged to view the meetings on public television (via Sparklight Cable).
- The municipal election will continue as planned. Any questions regarding the election should be addressed to the City Clerk's office at 662-227-3448.

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## Public Schools

Grenada Public School District is closed through March 27, 2020 in an effort to prevent the spread of COVID-19 unless conditions call for an extension. For information on the schools, visit the Grenada School District's website at [www.gsd.k12.ms.us](http://www.gsd.k12.ms.us)

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## Prevention

The CDC recommends everyday actions to help prevent the spread of COVID-19:

- Stay home when you are sick.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60-95% alcohol.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Routinely clean and disinfect surfaces that are frequently touched including doorknobs, telephones, desks, keyboards, and light switches.

## Be Prepared

Households, businesses and schools should be prepared for any kind of emergency. Have extra food, water, medical supplies and a first aid kit on hand. Visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website to learn more to prepare specifically for this virus. Weblink: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>