

**PROCLAMATION REGARDING MINIMIZING THE RISK OF INFECTION AND TO
PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 OVER THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS
BEGINNING AT 12:01 A.M. ON THURSDAY NOVEMBER 26, 2020 THROUGH
MONDAY NOVEMBER 30, 2020, AT MIDNIGHT**

WHEREAS, pursuant to §§45-17-1 through 45-17-13, and §33-15-17 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, the Mayor is authorized to proclaim that a Civil Emergency exists defined as any natural disaster or man-made calamity resulting in the death or injury of persons to such an extent that extraordinary measures must be taken to protect the public health, safety and welfare; and

WHEREAS, §21-19-3 gives municipalities the authority to make regulations to prevent the spreading of contagious or infectious diseases and to make quarantine laws for that purpose; and

WHEREAS, §33-15-17 authorizes the Mayor to control or restrict egress, ingress and movement within the local emergency area necessary to facilitate the protection of life and property; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to these laws, the Mayor is authorized to issue such orders as he deems necessary to protect the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Vicksburg, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus (COVID-19) that has spread across this nation is a worldwide pandemic and as of November 24, 2020, the Mississippi Department of Health has reported 144,544 positive cases and 3,739 deaths in Mississippi, 57 of which were in Warren County; and

WHEREAS, previous emergency orders have required that persons stay at home and that certain businesses be closed in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, there has been an increase in cases statewide and it is necessary that certain measures be taken limit the spread of the virus over the Thanksgiving holidays.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF VICKSBURG pursuant to §§45-17-1 through 45-17-13, §21-19-3 and §33-15-17 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, the following regulations apply:

The following regulations shall continue and be in effect beginning at 12:01 a.m. on Thursday November 26, 2020 through midnight on Monday, November 30, 2020:

1. All persons are required to wear a face covering in public spaces, both indoors and outdoors, if social distancing (6 feet apart) is not or cannot be practiced.

2. EXCEPTIONS TO THE FACE COVERING REQUIREMENTS: Face coverings do not apply to the following:

a. Any individual who will not come in contact with any other individual (outside of their immediate household members) or who will be able to maintain strict social distancing of six (6) feet apart from any other individual (outside of immediate household);

b. Any child under the age of eight; however, all children between the ages of two (2) and Seven (7) years old are strongly encouraged to wear a face covering.

c. Any individual with a medical condition that prevents the wearing of a face covering;

d. Any individual who is consuming food or drinks;

e. Any individual seeking to communicate with someone who is hearing impaired;

f. Any individual giving a speech for broadcast or to an audience; and

g. Any individual temporarily removing his or her face covering for identification purposes.

3. Upon returning for Thanksgiving Holidays, on Monday November 30, 2020, all employees will be screened for COVID-19 symptoms, including temperature. THIS WILL BE MANDATORY FOR ALL EMPLOYEES.

4. This Proclamation is supplemental to the Proclamation currently in effect. All other matters in the Proclamation issued effective November 2, 2020 through December 3, 2020 remain in full force and effect.

Violation of this EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION will be subject to misdemeanor prosecution pursuant to Sec. 45-17-9 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, Sec. 33-15-7 and Sec. 1-9 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Vicksburg, including a fine of up to \$1,000.00 and 90 days in jail.

THIS PROCLAMATION SHALL BE IN EFFECT BEGINNING AT 12:01 A.M. ON THURSDAY NOVEMBER 26, 2020, AND SHALL CONTINUE UNTIL 8:00 A.M. ON MONDAY NOVEMBER 30, 2020, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED HEREIN OR EXTENDED, MODIFIED OR REPEALED BY A SUBSEQUENT PROCLAMATION.

SO RESOLVED this the 25th day of November 2020.



GEORGE FLAGGS, JR., MAYOR
CITY OF VICKSBURG, MS

ATTEST:



CITY CLERK

