

EMERGENCY ORDER OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEW ALBANY, MISSISSIPPI
EMERGENCY ORDER 2020-002
MEASURES FOR THE CONTROL OF CONTAGIOUS AND INFECTIOUS DISEASES
AND FOR THE PROTECTION OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES

WHEREAS, Section 45-17-3 of the Mississippi Code allows the City to proclaim a civil emergency if it determines that a natural disaster which has caused death or injury has occurred, which the City has done on March 17, 2020

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor of the City of New Albany, that the City hereby adopts the following additional emergency measures that shall take effect immediately and remain in effect until rescinded by the governmental authority of the City of New Albany (unless a different effective date and date for continuing effectiveness is stated in such measure(s)), to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of the community from the spread of a contagious or infectious disease and to eliminate or limit injuries or deaths that may occur in the absence of such measures:

Section 1: Because of the likelihood of close person-to-person contact, which increases dramatically the likelihood of the spread of infectious disease within the community, effective immediately and for a period of fifteen days unless extended by Motion and Order of the governing authorities of the City of New Albany, non-essential businesses shall limit persons inside their establishments to less than 10 at one time.

Essential businesses are defined as whether they provide essential workers or products to maintain the services and functions depended on daily and that need to be able to operate resiliently during the COVID-19 Pandemic response.

Examples of essential businesses are medical and health care clinics, gas stations, grocery stores, pharmacies, convenience stores, cleaners and laundry mats, discount and dollar stores, banks, hardware stores, electrical stores, plumbing stores, auto parts stores, building material stores, businesses which maintain sanitation and essential operation of businesses and residences, day cares and professional services which service companies and individuals who or which are essential businesses or governmental units.

Examples of non-essential businesses are barber shops and beauty salons, nail salons, sporting goods stores, retail stores and gyms. The preceding list is given as a guideline.

We appreciate the cooperation of retailers and that they understand the spirit of this order. The main concern is to reduce human to human contact.


Section 2: We ask the public's cooperation to stay at home except when it is necessary to be out. We also ask them to shop locally when this emergency is over. Our local small businesses have been greatly impacted because of the COVID-19 Pandemic. These people are the backbone of our community who have invested time and money to serve us locally. Please encourage and pray for them and continue to give them your patronage to the extent that you can safely do so.

Section 3: Effective at 12:01 a.m., March 25, 2020 and for a period of fifteen days unless extended by Motion and Order of the governing authorities of the City of New Albany, compliance with CDC Guidelines (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>), Mississippi State Department of Health Guidelines (<https://www.msdh.ms.gov/>) and the President's Coronavirus Guidelines for America (<https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/03.16.20-coronavirus-guidance-8.5x11-315PM.pdf>) will be adopted, mandatory and enforced. All businesses, agencies and units of government located within the City of New Albany shall take all reasonable measures to ensure that such businesses and individuals within such businesses comply with these guidelines.


Section 4: The City will increase police presence after 8:00 p.m. each night.

Except where indicated otherwise, this order shall take effect immediately and shall be effective until 11:59 p.m. on April 7, 2020, on which date the Board of Aldermen will consider it.

SO ORDERED, this the 24 day of March, 2020.



Tim Kent
Mayor of the City of New Albany, Mississippi

Attest:


Frankie Roberts
Municipal Clerk, City of New Albany, Mississippi

