

MAYOR LUMUMBA EASES RESTRICTIONS ON BUSINESSES; URGES CONTINUED VIGILANCE AMID COVID-19 THREAT



(Jackson, MS) - Mayor Chokwe Antar Lumumba is slowly re-opening the Capital City following months of lockdown due to COVID-19, while acknowledging that data does not yet reflect that Jackson or the State of Mississippi has experienced a decline in the rate of new COVID-19 cases.

“What I am faced with now is just not simply a question of the data, but a question of what is practical based on the fact that so many cities are opening up around us. We can maintain our social distancing; we can maintain our procedures as a city, but it has little effect if people living in Jackson can go north, south, east, and west in order to go into places that are now open for public congregation,” said Mayor Lumumba at an emergency COVID-19 press briefing on May 8th.



The Mayor along with several members of the COVID-19 Task Force have discussed the reopening plans and phases for the City of Jackson. The first phase will ease some restrictions on the operation of retail shops, restaurants, gyms and fitness studios, and personal grooming

services such as hair and nail salons and barber shops. For a complete list of guidelines, please visit jacksonms.gov/slowopen.

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Additionally, Mayor Lumumba has issued three additional executive orders including Stay Safe Jackson which recommends staying home as much as possible, requires the wearing of a facial covering in public, along with other guidelines for businesses. The others include a nightly curfew from 11:00 pm – 5:00 am, and a continuance of the COVID-19 Civil Emergency and Closure of City Hall. Each order went into effect Saturday, May 16, 2020.

MAYOR LUMUMBA ANNOUNCES INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT TO PAVE ROBINSON ROAD; WILL TAKE THREE PHASES TO COMPLETE



Good news for West Jackson residents. Mayor Chokwe Antar Lumumba along with Hinds County Supervisor, Credell Calhoun, announced the Robinson Road Repaving Project on May 6th, which will be completed in three phases. Phase I will include the paving of Capitol Street to Ellis Avenue, which is currently underway. Phase II will include Ellis Avenue to Highway 80 and Phase III will include Highway 80 to I-20. Additionally, Woodrow Wilson Avenue will be repaved in the package from Fortification Street to Martin Luther King Avenue.

“We’re excited about what we’ve done so far, but we’re far from satisfied. So, we are eagerly anticipating the work that is coming this summer. Just as we campaigned last year saying it’s paving season, you will see that going forward. As we tackled the roads that were mentioned, we look forward to Ellis Avenue being paved, we look forward to Capitol Street being paved, and we are truly looking forward to Medgar Evers being paved,” said Mayor Lumumba during the press briefing. The resurfacing project stemmed from an inter-local agreement with the Hinds County Board of Supervisors. Hinds County was awarded a \$950,000.000 grant from the Metropolitan Planning Organization. The City of Jackson matched with \$1,085,058.82 thanks to the 1% Sales Tax Commission. The cost of the total project will be \$2,396,194.00.

\$10,000 REWARD OFFERED FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO THE ARREST IN MURDER OF 5-YEAR-OLD GIRL

There is a \$10,000 reward for information leading to an arrest in the fatal shooting of five-year-old Queenyana Davis. She was shot and killed inside her home by a stray bullet on April 15th.



Mayor Lumumba announced the reward during a press conference on April 27th. During his remarks, Mayor Lumumba also pointed to the killing of 11-year-old Jordan McCoy. Both were killed by stray bullets and served as motivation for Mayor Lumumba’s executive order temporarily banning open carry in the City of Jackson during the COVID-19 public health crisis.

Anyone with information leading to the arrest of a suspect in the killing of five-year-old Queenyana Davis can call Crimestoppers at 601-355-TIPS.

CITY OF JACKSON AWARDED \$1.2M FROM SURDNA FOUNDATION TO ADVANCE RACIAL JUSTICE THROUGH ART

The City of Jackson has received a \$1.2M award from the Surdna Foundation to work with the Community Aid & Development Corporation. The award will be distributed in equal parts over the course of three years.

The Surdna Foundation was founded in 1917 by John Emory Andrus to pursue a range of philanthropic purposes. Through their investments, they dismantle the barriers that limit opportunities to create more prosperous, enriching and sustainable communities.

This grant award will fund the Live. Impact. Create. Initiative, which is geared toward empowering people of color to use their artistry and voice to address social justice radically through the arts. The initiative will financially support fellows and offer training to develop leadership and social injustice resolution skills. Fellows will be tasked with curating projects which shed light on community needs and will partner with young creative people of color to cultivate unorthodox solutions to community problems. The project will launch in two phases. The first will be dedicated to gathering valuable community impact, followed by the selection of fellows and individual project implementation.

“Art has been a means of influencing culture and speaking to social concerns for generations. And so, we’re happy for this partnership that allows us to continue a necessary conversation about how we confront issues of racial justice and inequity,” said Mayor Chokwe Antar Lumumba.

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CITY OF JACKSON INTRODUCES MENTAL HEALTH “WARMLINE”; PARTNERS WITH LOCAL FAITH LEADERS AND SOCIAL WORKERS TO HELP CITIZENS COPE WITH SELF ISOLATION



On April 27th, the City of Jackson introduced its Mental Health “Warmline”, designed to help Jacksonians cope with the mental toll of self-isolating during the COVID-19 pandemic. Developed through the City’s COVID-19 Mental Health Subcommittee under the direction of Chief of Staff, Dr. Safiya Omari and Director of Human and Cultural Services, Dr. Adriane Dorsey-Kidd, the warmline is staffed with licensed clinical social workers to assess the mental health concerns of citizens and connect callers to mental health providers. In addition to social workers, Pastor CJ Rhodes and Dr. Timothy Neyland have developed a training program for local faith leaders to counsel citizens who wouldn’t otherwise feel comfortable seeking mental health assistance.

“Pastors are often first responders when it comes to our people seeking counsel and care. However, many pastors aren’t trained to address certain emotional and mental issues, and so I welcome the warmline as a helpful resource to assist us in holistically serving our communities better,” said Pastor Rhodes.

The warmline is open Monday - Friday from 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Anyone experiencing symptoms of depression, anxiety, or just needing someone to talk to can call 601-586-3073 or 866-300-7948.

CITY OF JACKSON LAUNCHES FIGHT TOGETHER, STAND APART; EXPANDS COVID-19 RESOURCES

On April 10th the City of Jackson launched its comprehensive COVID-19 response effort, Fight Together, Stand Apart, in partnership with the Jackson-Hinds Comprehensive Health Center.

With “Fight Together, Stand Apart”, the City will introduce its own COVID-19 Hotline and Symptom Tracker to determine where COVID-19 hotspots are across the city. “This Symptom Tracker will allow us to better coordinate a response to those who are infected with the virus. We are providing a Hotline where residents can call if they believe they are experiencing some of the symptoms of COVID-19,” said Mayor Lumumba during the announcement.

Mayor Lumumba also highlighted expansive measures that the City has taken on to better mitigate the COVID-19 crisis.

“The City is expanding its testing by purchasing 6,000 of our own tests, 5,000 of which will be distributed through a partnership with Jackson-Hinds Comprehensive Health Center in order to do more testing for residents that are in need. An additional thousand tests will be prioritized to first responders and inmates at the Hinds County jail. We will be entering into an inter-local agreement in order to ensure that the inmate population can be tested because that is a very vulnerable population based on their close confinement,” said Mayor Lumumba.

Additionally, the City was able to offer hazard pay to Jackson police officers and firefighters and partner with a local hotel to provide “quarantine shelters” for those residents who cannot safely quarantine at home without infecting others.

Citizens experiencing symptoms of the coronavirus can call the COVID-19 Hotline at 601-586-3067 (local) or 1-866-375-2819 (toll-free). The COVID-19 Symptom Collector can be found on the homepage of the City of Jackson’s website at www.jacksonms.gov.

CITY OF JACKSON RECEIVES A+ LONG TERM RATING FROM STANDARD & POOR’S GLOBAL RATINGS



On Tuesday, April 7, 2020, Standard & Poor’s Global Ratings affirmed its ‘A+’ long-term rating of the City of Jackson’s general obligation (GO) debt, during a time when most sectors of the nation’s economy received a downgrade due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

On March 17th, S&P Global Economics determined that the global and U.S. economies had fallen into a recession. Shortly thereafter, S&P Global Ratings placed the entire U.S. public finance sector on a negative outlook. Despite this, in their credit rating, S&P deemed that the outlook for the City of Jackson is stable.

In their report, S&P noted that “Following multiple years of negative budgetary results, the city rightsized [its] operations and increased tax rates to stabilize its fiscal position, driving operating surpluses in fiscal years 2016 through 2018.”

“Today’s news from S&P demonstrates that the difficult choices that my Administration has made over the past three years have yielded positive results. Despite the uncertain times that we face as a City, and globally, planning and effective fiscal management have prepared us to weather this storm. I would like to applaud my Director of Administration, LaaWanda Horton and her team for all of their hard work to help the City achieve this positive outcome,” said Mayor Chokwe Antar Lumumba.

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Ward 4, De'Keither Stamps.....601.960.2052
Ward 5, Charles Tillman.....601.960.1092
Ward 6, Aaron Banks.....601.960.1089
Ward 7, Virgi Lindsay.....601.960.1063

Public Safety

Non-Emergency (24-7).....601.960.1234
311 Action Line.....3-1-1
Jackson City Hall Security.....601.960.1037
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Jackson Police Precinct 1.....601.960.0001
Jackson Police Precinct 2.....601.960.0002
Jackson Police Precinct 3.....601.960.0003
Jackson Police Precinct 4.....601.960.0004

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Jackson Police.....601.960.1217
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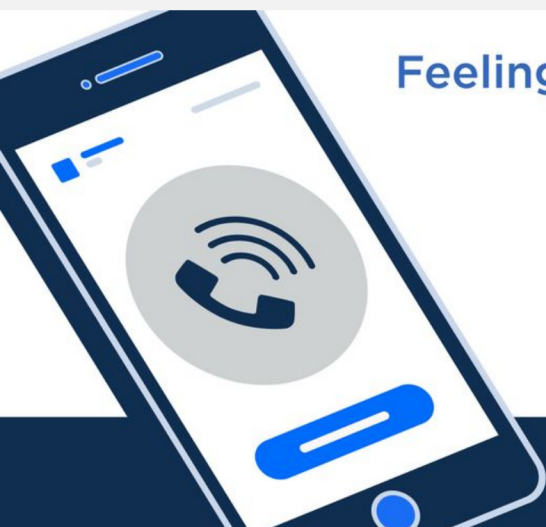


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