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COVID-19 Daily Update
Mayor Scott Conger
City of Jackson

Latest Information:

We are continuing to monitor this situation very closely. I want to remind everyone that we expect the number of infections to rise significantly as widespread testing begins very soon. This should not be a cause for panic, but more of a realistic picture of where we are with spread of the virus. Remember, prevention is key to minimizing the effects of the virus, particularly on those most vulnerable in our community. Let this be a time for us to show greater concern, care, and patience with our neighbors.

As you may have seen, the CDC recommended last weekend that all events in the next eight weeks with 50 or more people in anticipated attendance either be postponed or canceled. I am urging event organizers locally to follow that guidance. All City of Jackson organized events for the next 30 days have been postponed. All board, commission, task force, and other larger group meetings have been canceled or moved to conference calls/video calls, with the exception of City Council.

Today, Governor Lee issued an executive order to close all schools as soon as practically possible until Tuesday, March 31st. We are working closely with local leaders to identify ways to help families affected by these closures, particularly as it relates to food access.

This morning, I convened with leadership from Jackson-Madison County Regional Health Department, West Tennessee Health Care, Jackson Energy Authority, the Jackson Chamber, and United Way of West TN to discuss our plans moving forward to ensure we're all working together and all lines of communication are open. I will continue to meet with this group, along with Mayor Harris, JMCSS Superintendent Ray Washington, and the Madison County Emergency Management agency daily, to include Saturdays and Sundays, until we have determined no further need of these meetings.

During our daily briefing, the Jackson-Madison County Regional Health Department gave us an update on case numbers. Those numbers are as follows. There are 3 tests pending. So far, we have had 0 positive tests and 8 cleared.

I have also established an internal COVID-19 response team that will meet daily, to include Saturdays and Sundays, to monitor the City's operations and resources with the goal of remaining as high-functioning and responsive to our citizens' needs as possible.

We are working to identify ways we can further minimize risks while still supporting our most essential operations to protect public welfare, public safety, and our employees. This may include further postponements, cancellations, facility closures, and greater use of technological resources.

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