

The following Resolution further amends and supplements all previous Local Directives, Emergency Proclamation and Resolutions adopted by the City of West Point, Mississippi, pertaining to COVID-19. All provisions of previous local orders and proclamations shall remain in full force and effect.

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND SELECTMEN

The White House and CDC guidelines state the criteria for reopening up America should be based on data driven conditions within each region or state before proceeding to the next phased opening. Data should be based on symptoms, cases, and hospitals. Based on cases alone, there must be a downward trajectory of documented cases within a 14-day period or a downward trajectory of positive tests as a percent of total tests within a 14-day period. There has been no such downward trajectory in the documented cases in Clay County since May 18, 2020.

The City of West Point is experiencing an increase in the number of cases of COVID-19. The case count on May 24, 2020 was 99 cases. That number increased within 15 days to 134, and on July 2, 2020 was 244 cases with twelve (12) deaths. The City of West Point is experiencing daily increases. This is not in conformity with the guidelines provided of a downward trajectory of positive tests. By any metric available, the City of West Point may not continue to the next phase of reopening.

Governor Tate Reeves in his Executive Order No. 1492(I)(i)(I) authorizes the City of West Point to implement more restrictive measures than currently in place for other Mississippians to facilitate preventative measures against COVID-19 thereby creating the downward trajectory necessary for reopening.

The North Mississippi Medical Center has formally requested the City of West Point adopt a face covering policy.

In an effort to support the Northeast Mississippi Health System in their response to COVID-19 and to strive to keep the City of West Point's economy remaining open for business, effective at 6:00 a.m. Wednesday, July 8th, 2020, all persons who are present within the jurisdiction of the City of West Point shall wear a clean face covering anytime they are, or will be, in contact with other people in indoor public or business spaces where it is not possible to maintain social distance. While wearing the face covering, it is essential to maintain social distance being as the best defense against the spread of COVID-19. The intent of this resolution is to encourage voluntary compliance with the requirements established herein by the businesses and persons within the jurisdiction of the City of West Point.

It is required for all indoor public or business spaces that persons wear a face covering for entry. Upon entry, social distancing and activities shall follow guidelines of the City of West Point and the Governor's executive orders pertaining to particular businesses and business activities.

Persons shall properly wear face coverings ensuring the nose and mouth is covered.

1. Signage should be posted by entrances to businesses stating the face covering requirement for entry (enclosed and available for download at www.wpnet.org).
2. A patron located inside an indoor public or business space without a face covering will be asked to leave by the business owners if the patron is unwilling to come into compliance with wearing a face covering.

3. Face coverings are not required for:
 - a. People whose religious beliefs prevent them from wearing a face covering
 - b. Those who cannot wear a face covering due to a medical or behavioral condition
 - c. Restaurant patrons while dining
 - d. Private, individual offices or offices with fewer than ten (10) employees.
 - e. Other settings where it is not practical or feasible to wear a face covering, including when obtaining or rendering goods or services, such as receipt of dental services or swimming.
 - f. Banks, gyms, or spaces with physical barrier partitions which prohibit contact between the customer(s) and employee
 - g. Small offices where the public does not interact with the employer
 - h. Children under six (6)
 - i. That upon the formulation of an articulable safety plan which meets the goals of this resolution, businesses may seek an exemption by email at cityhall@wpnet.org.

FACE COVERINGS DO NOT HAVE TO BE MEDICAL MASKS OR N95 MASKS. BANDANAS, SCARVES, T-SHIRTS, OR HOMEMADE MASKS, ETC. MAY BE USED. HOWEVER, THEY MUST PROPERLY COVER BOTH A PERSON'S MOUTH AND NOSE

Those businesses subject to regulatory oversight of a separate state or federal agency shall follow the guidelines of said agency or regulating body if there is a conflict with this Resolution.

Having heard all subject matter expert advice, concluding with questions answers, and discussion:

Selectman Pittman made motion to adopt the foregoing resolution. Selectman William Binder made a second to the motion.

Hearing no further comment or discussion the Mayor called for a roll call vote and the results were as follows:

Selectman Keith McBrayer voted:	<u>Nay</u>
Selectman William Binder voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Selectman Ken Poole voted:	<u>Nay</u>
Selectwoman Leta Turner voted:	<u>Abstain</u>
Selectman Jasper Pittman voted:	<u>Yea</u>
Having determined a tie vote, Mayor Robinson voted:	<u>Yea</u>

Motion Carried

The City of West Point reserves its authority to respond to local conditions as necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens.

So ordered, this the 7th day of July, 2020.



Eddie A. Longstreet
Eddie A. Longstreet, City Clerk

Harmon A. Robinson
Harmon A. Robinson, Mayor



Due to increased positive tests in our area and the recommendations of the North MS Medical Center (NMMC) and the Board of Mayor and Selectmen for the City of West Point, we are joining the effort to slow the spread of COVID-19 as we strive to keep our economy open.

Therefore, this establishment is following the City of West Point's Resolution to wear a face covering while in public.

We appreciate your business, but we also want to protect our employees and customers alike.

Please wear a face covering which covers the nose and mouth when entering this building.