



## West Point – Clay County Emergency Management Agency

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### QUICK FACTS



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These are a few repetitive questions that have been asked of this office. We will compile them in hopes of these questions helping someone else.

1. Did the City or County declare us as a disaster like Columbus?
  - a. Yes, the City of West Point and County of Clay has made a declaration of disaster to be proactive. Both respective boards have the best interest of the citizens and visitors.
2. Are we under a curfew or lockdown?
  - a. No. We are not under a curfew or lockdown, but we do encourage the CDC recommendation of social distancing of 6ft and discouraging groups of people.
3. Does my business have to close its lobby?
  - a. We do not have any restrictions in place, but we do encourage the CDC recommendation of social distancing of 6ft and discouraging groups of people.
4. Are there any confirmed cases in Clay County?
  - a. As of today, there are no known confirmed cases in Clay County.
5. Will the West Point Parks and Recreation Sports still be played?
  - a. As of March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020, the West Point Parks and Recreation has suspended all activities and will reassess in two weeks. You can find more information at the Parks and Recs Facebook and Twitter social media pages.
6. What Schools are out and when to expect to return?
  - a. Hebron Christian School – Determination has not been made to return at this time.
  - b. Oak Hill Academy – Determination has not been made to return at this time.
  - c. West Point Consolidated School District – Mandated to remain closed until April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020. See their website and Facebook page for further.
7. Wal-Mart is closing early, anything you can do?
  - a. Often the decisions to close early for corporation stores are that store and its corporation decision. They are following recommendations given. Businesses are closing early to protect their employees and patrons.
8. We will run out of tissue and supplies in West Point?
  - a. The stores will run out of supplies locally. As long as the shipping warehouses are shipping, it will just take time getting to the stores. Be sufficiently prepared, but not hoard.
9. The National Guard is being mobilized in some towns. Will that happen in West Point?
  - a. The National Guard has been activated by Governor Reeves for Directive 1459. They are not taking over. They will be assisting with mobile testing sites. With the amount of people coming to test, there has to be order and help.



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10. Should I isolate my children?
  - a. The idea to cancel physical attendance to school and activities is to reduce the amount of people gathering in one place. Please follow the recommendations of the CDC of less than 10 people, personal hygiene and precautions.
11. Will public safety emergency services like a fire truck, ambulance or law enforcement be available?
  - a. Yes, fire departments, law enforcement and the ambulance will still be available.
12. Are there assistance checks coming out?
  - a. The assistance package is still being put together. Once we have the final draft, we will be sure to put it out for every.
13. Are businesses required to fill out the business form?
  - a. No requirement, but we would like for you to give your estimates. This helps show how much it has impacted our area and attempt to get an assistance package for small businesses.
14. What are the symptoms of COVID-19(coronavirus)?
  - a. See the CDC Handout for recommendations. MS Department of Health hotline number 877-978-6453 for questions. Monday-Friday 8am-5pm.
15. What do I need to do if I think I have it?
  - a. See the CDC Handout for recommendations. MS Department of Health hotline number 877-978-6453 for questions. Monday-Friday 8am-5pm.
16. How many confirmed cases in Mississippi?
  - a. As of today there are 50 confirmed cases out of 602 people tested. No confirmed cases for Clay County.
17. Will the Emergency Management Office let us know if something is going on?
  - a. The West Point-Clay County Emergency Management Office will assist with keeping the public informed at these crucial times. We will place information to our Facebook page, as well as the City of West Point and Clay County webpage. There you can find information on the COVID-19(coronavirus)

We are glad the majority of citizens are taking the precautions to protect themselves. We encourage you to get information from a credible source, such as official social media pages, and official websites. We will provide an update as information changes and more questions come in.