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The City of Pascagoula is working closely with the Jackson County Health Department and the Mississippi Department of Health to monitor the novel coronavirus. Novel coronavirus (COVID-19) is a new, viral disease that produces symptoms similar to the flu or pneumonia. While we are taking precautions to minimize the risk to our citizens, there is no immediate need for concern as there have been no reported instances of coronavirus in our area.

We request that citizens use our online portal and telecommunication systems to make utility payments, public records requests, and other services. Our goal is to exercise safe practices and utilize our resources by providing secure access points for those that we serve.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, human coronaviruses are shared across the globe and usually cause mild to moderate illness in people. This new virus is a public health concern because:

- It is newly identified, so much is still unknown about it.
- Two other human coronaviruses, MERS-CoV and SARS-CoV, have caused severe illness.

It is recommended that each person:

- Stay home if you are sick or need to care for a sick family member.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Cover mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze.
- Clean and disinfect objects and surfaces often.
- If you haven't done so already, please consider getting immunized against the flu. This will relieve what could be a highly impacted healthcare system.

If you think you have coronavirus or COVID-19, what do I do?

- Contact your primary care physician to speak to a healthcare provider. They can determine if you need to be tested for COVID-19.
- You should stay at home and away from others *if you are sick*.
- You can also call the Jackson County Health Department at (228) 762-1117

For more information on the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), visit <https://tinyurl.com/uuxfs2l> and follow us on social media for updates.



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