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<p align="center">INCIDENT BRIEFING</p>	<p align="center">INTRODUCTION TO DAILY DIGEST</p>	<p align="center">VOLUNTEER SERVICES</p>
<p>CDC is responding to an outbreak of respiratory disease caused by a novel (new) coronavirus that was first detected in China and which has now been detected in almost 70 locations internationally, including in the United States. The Mississippi State Department of Health is aggressively responding to the rapidly evolving COVID-19 situation. With other state agencies, it has activated emergency operations in order to prepare for possible person-to-person transmission of COVID-19 in Mississippi.</p>	 <p align="center">DCS MISSION DECISION MATRIX LINK</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please complete any online training to complete your G/A/P • If you are able, PLEASE donate blood to your nearest location • Will send out messaging as any new opportunities for virtual volunteers arise.
<p align="center">DIASTER CYCLE SERVICES</p>	<p align="center">EXTERNAL RELATIONS</p>	<p align="center">DISASTER TRAINING CORNER</p>
<p>For visualization of reported COVID-19 Cases and to see ARC-designated “yellow, orange, red counties,” please view “Tab 6 DRO” of the National Operations Summary (requires RCview login)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COVID-19 DAT Response Tactics Job Tool current as of 03/17/2020 • Guidelines for DAT Workers and Workers on a DRO to Reduce Risk of COVID-19 Transmission current as of 03/17/2020 • COVID-19 DAT Response Process current as of 03/13/2020 • COVID-19 DAT Response Screening Questions current as of 03/17/2020 • Masks for COVID-19 DAT Response current as of 03/07/2020 • Sheltering in COVID-19 Affected Areas current as of 03/06/2020 • For any Disaster Responder or DAT Worker seeking support: Disaster Staff Support Hotline <p>For much more information and doctrine on DCS activity in response to COVID-19, please visit the COVID-19 DCS Operational Toolkit on the Exchange</p>	<p>School Meals: Mississippi Department of Education has received two waivers from the USDA. The waivers will assist school districts in establishing meal programs and allow all schools to serve meals during school closures caused by COVID 19.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • List of schools serving meals LINK • Schools, groups providing lunches to students amid school closures LINK • Food programs available for JPS families during school closures LINK • There’s also a mobile meal drop-off available for families in Jackson that will cover breakfast and dinner for families throughout the extended break. Call or text 615-946-4197 to set up a time/location • Vowell's Marketplace is offering free breakfast and sack lunches to students in grades K-6 this week Breakfast will be served from 7-8 and lunch is served from 1-2. Free food is available at all 19 Vowell's Marketplace, Vowell's Fresh Market and Cash Saver locations in Mississippi and Alabama. LINK • List of meals for children being offered by school districts, volunteers, businesses. LINK <p>School Closings/Cancellations: K-12 Public and Private Schools LINK</p> <p>COVID-19 Related Closings and Delays: LINK</p>	 <p>Hi team, and welcome to our new Training corner! As we adjust to working under recommended social distancing measures, which puts us all in a remote work environment, our DCS team thought this would be a good time to encourage some online training.</p> <p>Today’s recommended class is “Contributing as a Virtual Team Member.” This an 18-minute training will set you up to begin thinking about how you can continue to be a valuable Red Cross team member while adhering to present social distancing recommendations.</p> <p>Come back tomorrow for another recommended class. Hope you enjoy!</p>

REGIONAL COMMUNICATIONS

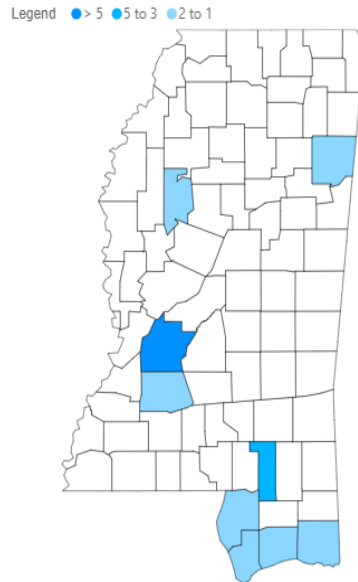
Some of you have heard stories of scammers knocking on doors claiming to be from the Red Cross and entering people’s homes ostensibly to “test” them for COVID-19 only to rob them instead. If you hear of this happening in your market feel free to use the approved messaging below to warn the public of this scam.

Below are approved messages for use on social / public inquiry as it relates to the recent rumor about Red Cross entering homes for coronavirus testing:

*Please know that the Red Cross is not going to people's homes to offer coronavirus tests. If someone comes to your house under these pretenses, please call the police as soon as possible.

*This rumor is not true. The Red Cross is not going to people's homes to offer coronavirus tests. If someone comes to your house claiming that they work for the Red Cross and that they're authorized to do coronavirus testing, do not allow them in your home. Please be safe and call the police as soon as possible.

MISSISSIPPI INCIDENT MAP



Total Cases

21

Total Deaths

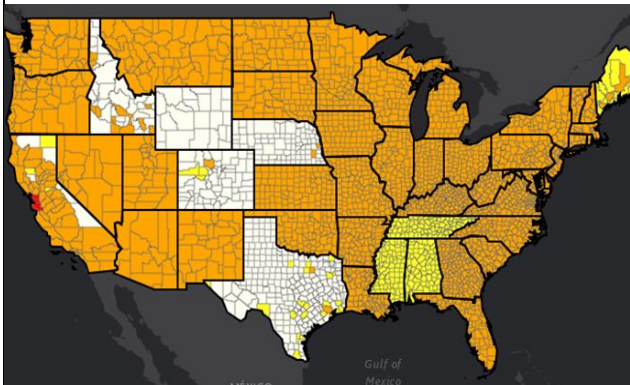
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[American Red Cross COVID-19 WebMap](#)
[CDC COVID-19 Cases in US](#)
[John Hopkins University Global Case Map](#)

SAFTEY MESSAGE

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces
- Stay at home when you are sick, except to get medical care
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Avoid social gatherings of 10 or more people
- Avoid unnecessary (non-urgent) air, bus or train travel.
- Limit visitation to older relatives or friends
- Prepare for the possibility that schools or day care centers may temporarily close.
- For more information: www.cdc.gov/COVID19

COVID-19 NATIONAL VISUALIZATION



COVID-19 CASES IN MISSISSIPPI

MS Department of Health [website](#)

CONTACT INFORMATION

New Cases Reported Today		All Cases to Date		Nat'l Disaster Distress	Crisis counseling, emotional support	800.985.5990
COUNTY	CASES	COUNTY	CASES			
Harrison	1	Copiah	2	MS COVID Hotline	Monday-Friday, 8AM – 5PM https://youtu.be/4wmmT6XVXyg	877.978.6453
Hinds	4	Forrest	3			
Jackson	1	Hancock	1	MS Red Cross Comfort Calls	Spiritual Care, Mental Health & Nursing	Online Scheduling
Leflore	3	Hinds	6			
		Jackson	1			
		Leflore	4			
		Monroe	1			
		Pearl River	2			
TOTAL	9	TOTAL	21			

