



Inter-Office Memo: Quitman County Coronavirus Update

To: Quitman County Department Heads/ Employees

From: County Administrator, Velma Wilson

Date: March 20, 2020

RE: Update on Coronavirus

It has been a busy week dealing with the COVID-19 outbreak.

I just wanted to bring all employees up-to-date on steps the Board of Supervisors took this week in preparation of safety and health concerns for the employees to keep the County government functioning to provide services to the citizens of Quitman County.

Action taken this week by the Board of Supervisors and the Sheriff Department:

- **Entered and signed a Proclamation of Existence of Local Emergency in order to help protect the health and safety of the citizens of Quitman County**
- **Appointed EMA Director, Jimmy Mathews, as the official coordinator for the COVID-19 Crisis**
- **Sheriff Parker limited public access to the courthouse to reduce traffic**
- **Issued a mandated board order for direct payroll deposit for all employees**
- **Recommended the purchase of SSL-VPN (5 users) to allow essential employees if necessary to work from home, i.e. payroll, accounting and other deemed essential clerks**

Based on information obtained from the briefings; from the Mississippi State Health Department, Center of Disease Control (CDC) and Mississippi Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) we will continue to update department heads and employees on up-to-date precautionary measures. The EMA Director, Jimmy Mathews, County Administrator, Velma Wilson, and Board President, Manuel Killebrew have listened in and participated in these briefings.

Let's continue to work together and keep a positive attitude. And remember, the facts are what matter; and they will help us to eliminate some of the fears and panic that a crisis like this produces.

***Please note: Beatrice Pryor will be posting updated news on the Coronavirus on the County's website at www.quitmancountymiss.org and our County's Facebook page at [Quitman County, MS.](#)**

Here is the latest Mississippi State Department of Health update for March 20th, 2020. There are 80 confirmed cases of COVID-19 with 1 death in 21 Mississippi counties. For “daily” updates from their official website relating to the coronavirus, [CLICK HERE](#) I know the recent news & coverage about this issue can be overwhelming. Let’s remain calm, be smart, & stay informed. Also, please call the Mississippi Coronavirus Hotline for questions or concerns at [877-978-6453](tel:877-978-6453).

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