

RESOLUTION OF MADISON COUNTY COVID-19 TASK FORCE

WHEREAS, a novel coronavirus, which causes the disease COVID-19, has spread through the world and has now been declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization; and

WHEREAS, a recent spike in the number of cases of COVID-19 including the Delta variant, the high level of community transmission in Madison County as defined by the CDC, and the strain on hospital facilities and personnel threatens the health of West Tennesseans and the ability to deliver essential healthcare services to the citizens served across rural West Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, medical experts and personnel in the area serviced by the Jackson-Madison County Health Department and West Tennessee Healthcare support the use of social distancing and face coverings and masks to mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 virus; and

NOW, THEREFORE, on this the 31st day of August, 2021, the Madison County COVID-19 Task Force (consisting of Jimmy Harris, Mayor of Madison County, Tennessee, Scott Conger, Mayor of the City of Jackson, Tennessee, Marlon King, Superintendent of the Jackson-Madison County School System, Kim Tedford, Regional Director of the Jackson-Madison Regional Health Department, Jim Ferrell, CEO of Jackson Energy Authority, Kyle Spurgeon, CEO of Chamber of Commerce, Matthew Marshall, CEO of United Way of West Tennessee, James Ross, CEO of West Tennessee Healthcare, and Jason Moore, EMA Director) recommends and encourages businesses and individuals in Madison County to do their part in helping control or mitigate the spread of COVID-19 by doing the following:

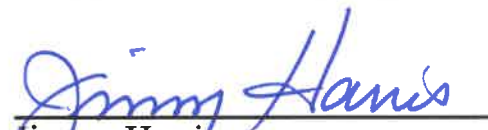
1. Maintain a social distance of at least 6' from others that are not members of your household or with symptoms of COVID-19;
2. Avoid crowds and poorly ventilated spaces;
3. Wash hands often and clean/disinfect high touch surfaces;
4. Except for those under the age of 2, use face masks or coverings while inside buildings or venues;
5. Get vaccinated as local data clearly supports the fact that vaccinations prevent serious illness and minimize the risk of confinement in intensive care units and ventilator usage;
6. Follow CDC guidance for isolation and quarantine if you are a close contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19 or if you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19. For the Jackson-Madison School System (JMCSS) students and employees, JMCSS will provide support to the Jackson-Madison County Regional Health Department (JMCRHD) by collecting and submitting data including the identity of

any known close contacts of any person having tested positive for COVID-19 to JMCRHD, and students and staff who should be quarantined will be notified by the JMCRHD; and


7. For employees of schools in Madison County and for students attending schools in Madison County, wear a face covering or mask except that a parent or guardian of a K-12 student attending a school in the Jackson-Madison County School System (JMCSS) has a right to opt out of wearing a face covering or mask at school, on a school bus, or at school functions by providing written notice to JMCSS as long as Governor Lee's Executive Order No. 84 remains effective.

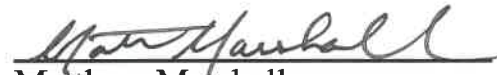
This Resolution shall remain in effect until 11:59 p.m. on October 1, 2021.


In support of the foregoing recommendations, we affix our signatures below:



Jimmy Harris
Madison County, Mayor

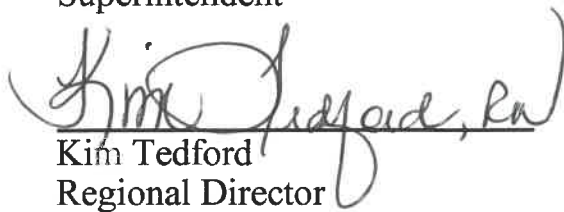

Kyle Spurgeon
CEO of Chamber of Commerce

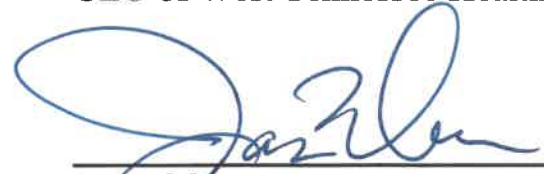

Scott Conger
City of Jackson, Mayor



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Jackson-Madison County Schools,
Superintendent


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