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COVID-19 Guidance and Prevention for Individuals and the Community

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Mississippi Coronavirus Hotline (7 days a week, 7 a.m.–7 p.m.):
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Vaccination is the best protection against COVID-19 infection and transmission.

Vaccination has been highly successful at protecting Mississippians from COVID-19 and restoring normal daily activities safely.

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Preventing COVID-19: Recommendations and Requirements

Mississippi is experiencing a significant rise in COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations. Numerous outbreaks have been identified in youth camps, faith-based gatherings, funerals and social events.

Due to the rapid increase in delta variant cases and outbreaks, combined with the low overall vaccination rate in the state, MSDH is making the following recommendations through July 26, 2021.

- All Mississippians 12 years of age and older should receive COVID-19 vaccination.
- All those who are unvaccinated should wear a mask when indoors in public settings.
- All Mississippi residents 65 years of age and older should avoid all indoor mass gatherings (regardless of vaccination status).
- All Mississippi residents with chronic underlying medical conditions should avoid all indoor mass gatherings (regardless of vaccination status).

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MSDH recommends that individuals, organizations, schools, businesses, and facilities in Mississippi follow the CDC guidelines and recommendations for the prevention and control of COVID-19.

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- ▶ [School guidance from the CDC](#)

Long-Term Care Facilities

Residents in long-term care facilities such nursing homes and assisted living facilities are at high risk from COVID-19, and the virus can spread quickly in these environments.

- Be vaccinated against COVID-19 before you visit a long-term care facility, or if you work in one.
 - Wear a mask at all times inside these facilities if you are unvaccinated.
 - Do not visit these facilities if you feel ill or have recently been exposed to someone with COVID-19.
 - Visit family members only, and avoid contact with other residents.
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- ▶ [MSDH Prevention and Response Guidelines for Long-Term Care Facilities](#)
 - ▶ [Guidelines for Visitation in Nursing Homes \(CMS\)](#)
Revised March 27, 2021
 - ▶ [Visitation, testing and staff guidance for all facility types \(CDC\)](#)
 - ▶ [Long-Term Care Facility Testing Requirements \(CMS\)](#)
 - ▶ [Interpreting Antigen Test Results in Long-Term Care Facilities](#)

Child Care Facilities and Summer Camps

- ▶ [CDC Guidance for Operating Childcare Programs During COVID-19](#)
- ▶ [CDC Guidelines for Operating Youth and Summer Camps During COVID-19](#)
- ▶ [Youth and Summer Camps Readiness and Planning Tool](#)

General Information

- ▶ [Current COVID-19 Cases in Mississippi](#)
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Now vaccinating all Mississippians aged 12 and

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