

SUBJECT: MS AUCTIONEER COMMISSION'S RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 VIRUS

**UPDATE – MARCH 24, 2020**

**Mississippi Governor Tate Reeves is calling for a statewide HALT OF GATHERINGS of 10 or more people. Reeves indicated that an executive order will be signed today to stop the spread of COVID-19. See attached Executive Order No. 1463 dated March 24, 2020 for details.**

**Note: This information is being provided through the Mississippi Auctioneer Commission and is mandated by Governor Tate Reeves, State of Mississippi. Local law enforcement will have jurisdiction through their authority to enforce order which includes requiring you to cease all operations.**

RELEASED MARCH 17, 2020

Please find attached the Proclamation as signed by Mississippi Governor Tate Reeves on March 14, 2020 declaring a State of Emergency pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Mississippi and Miss. Code Ann. §33-15-11(b)(17).

As the Coronavirus (COVID-19) situation continues to evolve, the Mississippi Auctioneer Commission is communicating regularly with government officials to monitor developments of the outbreak. The CDC and the Mississippi State Department of Health have recommended necessary precautions to be taken for the safety and well-being of our citizens. To protect you and your loved ones, the Mississippi Auctioneer Commission encourages you to utilize our website, [auctioneer.ms.gov](http://auctioneer.ms.gov), and make every effort to conduct your business via our online resources. The office will remain staffed and is available thru email at [info.msauktioneercommission@gmail.com](mailto:info.msauktioneercommission@gmail.com) or via phone to 601-750-4909 or by fax to 601-732-6447.

Also refer to the attached Executive Order No. 1458, paragraph 6, which recommends avoiding large gatherings of more than 250 people. However, the information provided by the CDC has lowered this recommended number to 50 persons as of this notification.

Therefore, please be advised that you need to be responsible and contact your local health department and local governmental officials regarding any public auctions which you may wish to conduct. The Mississippi Auctioneer Commission urges you to follow your local mandates as they are released.

You may also visit state and national websites for more information as it becomes available:

[www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov) – National Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[msdh.ms.gov](http://msdh.ms.gov) – Mississippi State Department of Health → click on “Coronavirus Disease 2019”

From the Mississippi Auctioneer Commission to you and your family – stay safe!