Community Service Carl Murphy Award

The *Jackson Advocate* has been in my family for over 40 years. After my father Charles Tisdale’s passing in July of 2007, my mother, Alice Tisdale, took on the role as publisher. On February 29, 2020, she officially retired, and on March 1, 2020, I – DeAnna Tisdale Johnson – took over. Mississippi’s first COVID-19 case occurred just a few days after that and I was tasked with making sure the community was aware of the important information they needed during this time. From our March 5, 2020 issue – and even now – the *Jackson Advocate* has ensured that we feature weekly updates about the pandemic so that our readers and our community would receive information and understand steps to protect themselves from a deadly virus that affected African Americans disproportionately.
One thing about being sick, you lose your appetite. We’re Wednesday evening, I started coughing and had a fever. Our interview. No one was coughing around me. Tuesday told the Jackson Advocate Tuesday that she is improv- that she had contracted the coronavirus last week. She fighting for black and brown that probably wouldn’t reach us. Now, it is literally that West Virginia Governor, and potentially and families. People who are fighting for black and brown through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Office of Special Education and Related Services, by providing daily meals and lunches. To access these services, visit the school’s website or call. For additional updates and information, visit https://www.jsums.edu/ HCCSD is prepared to begin online instruction for the remainder of this to students to ensure they are continuing to build their learning during school closures. They are required to present feeding and mouthwash to students in order to protect staff and students. We’re working with the Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) and the Mississippi State Department of Education (MDE) to create an online learning platform that will provide essential instruction to students through remote instruction. The Holmes County Com- will notify parents and com- date students could return to school is Monday, March 16. However, HCCSD will notify families and com- munity members of the break to school until Friday, March 20. Beginning on Monday, March 16, HCCSD will implement an “At-Home Personalized Learning” approach for all students. Students who will share coursework online through the week, and print copies made digital materials, are continuing to build and maintain their knowledge. Students will implement the use of remote learning for the remainder of this school year. They are required to present their food, use Rite of Passage, and the remainder of this semester. By the CDC, remote instruction will continue throughout the remainder of this pandemic. The ‘in-person’ community service is through the local school district, where large groups are required to build our teachers’ full participation for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. The school will follow the guidelines of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Mississippi State Department of Health and the State Institutions of Higher Learning. Tougaloo College is taking every precaution to ensure that belongings in their dorm rooms will be distributed at a memorial Mass may be requested at the discretion of the family and the school's principal. When parents or guardians choose to pick up belongings in their dorm rooms, they can do so at the discretion of the family and the school's principal. When parents or guardians choose to pick up belongings in their dorm rooms, they can do so at the discretion of the family and the school's principal.
COVID-19 GLOBAL CRISIS

8,700+
Total Cases

114
Deaths

*Numbers as accurate as possible at press time
During the NAACP's Empower 2020 Conference held on March 14, 2020, Senator Kamala Harris spoke on the effect of the COVID-19 pandemic. She stated, “100 million dollars would be directed to community health centers for underserved groups and 950 million dollars of the $8.3 billion dollars would go to state and local public health responses that will be driven through the Center for Disease Control (CDC).”

The Families First Coronavirus Response Act, also known as H.R. 7, will:

• Provide for COVID-19 testing to the uninsured.
• Target health provisions to COVID-19, without including unrelated treatments.
• Increase flexibility for healthcare providers to provide care, including additional access to telemedicine.
• Expand unemployment, food assistance, and paid leave benefits, and
• Provide Medicaid funding to help states address budget shortfalls.

On March 6th, Governor Tate Reeves signed two executive orders to further the state’s response to COVID-19 and aid Mississippians being impacted. He stated, “We must be healthy, this is about preserving your loved ones, your neighbors, and people across Mississippi. We must look after one another during this trying time. We will come through this together — stronger.” Governor Tate Reeves.

Executive Order No. 1459 authorizes the Mississippi National Guard and health centers for under-served groups to respond to COVID-19. The Governor plans to implement the additional mobile testing units throughout Mississippi in the coming days.

Governor Reeves also signed Executive Order No. 1460 which allows state agencies to determine which state employees are essential and send employees home. The Governor encouraged other businesses in Mississippi to do the same with their employees. Working in take care of our children during this difficult time, the Governor must also be careful not to exceed the guidelines. There is a statute that allows for state employees to receive benefits during certain circumstances, but the statute did not permit this in the same way as state government employees. House Bill 633 was then introduced authorizing local governmental entities and school districts to grant administrative leave with pay during certain emergencies. The bill passed with a bipartisan vote of 86-4. The second resolution taken up was House Concurrent Resolution 65 which extends the session by 30 days, allows for remote working on April 1 or upon determination by the House and Senate and adjours the session deadlines to conform with the extended schedule: HCR 65 passed by a vote of 69-18. The Senate voted and passed HCR 65 on the morning of Wednesday, March 18.

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The Secretary of State's office buildings temporary closed to the public. Citizens can call 6-452-4524 during business hours or visit our website, sos.ms.gov, for more information.

The MISO Department of Transportation's construction and maintenance offices will remain on duty to perform area job requirements such as construction inspections, roadway repairs and severe weather response. Employees who get sick or come into contact with confirmed cases, knew to notify supervisors immediately.

The Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks (MDWFP) announced that its state and regional offices will be closed to the public. State Lakes will remain open for those who wish to go fishing, however, State Fishing Lakes office and fish houses will be closed.

State Parks' bath houses and primitive camping areas will be closed; however, RV camping will remain open.

The Museum of Natural Science and the North Mississippi Visitor Education Center will be closed to the public.

MDWFP State Lakes will remain open.

The Supreme Court and the Chief Justice, in his capacity as chief administrative officer of all courts in the state, find that consistent with the Constitution of this State, all local and state courts shall remain open.

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