## Policy Statement from the Mississippi Workers Compensation Commission

The Commission is aware of the current situation concerning the Coronavirus. The Commission places the highest priority on the health and safety of its employees, attorneys, claimants, employers, and the public who may come in contact with the Commission. At this time, we are implementing procedures to protect the safety of these groups.

Effective Monday, March 16, 2020 through April 1, 2020, the Offices of the Commission will not be open to the public. While we understand that this may be an inconvenience, we are adhering to recommendations by the Mississippi Department of Health in an effort to promote public health.

All settlements are to be mailed in or filed through ATOS, with all signatures required present. All Commission hearings scheduled will be on the record from now until April 1, 2020. As much as reasonable, Administrative Judge hearings will be conducted telephonically. In the event that an Administrative Judge hearing requires to be in person, all hearings will take place in Hearing Room C to provide ample distance between parties and Commission staff. There will be no admittance to the building without an appointment at the request of the Commission or an Administrative Judge. Thank you for your cooperation during this fluid time.

Please understand that there may be updates to this policy as new information becomes available.

If you have any questions, please direct them to:

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