

## **COVID PRECAUTIONS FOR THE UPCOMING ANNUAL ENHANCE WORKSHOP AND AWARDS LUNCHEON**

The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality and the Mississippi Manufacturers Association are excited to offer the upcoming annual enhance workshop and awards luncheon on August 25<sup>th</sup> at the Westin Hotel in Jackson, Ms. However, we also recognize that our state is continuing to experience escalating numbers of COVID cases. We want to assure our attendees that we are taking proper precautions for the upcoming meeting to protect those persons that are in attendance. We want to advise attendees of the following precautions and procedures and ask for cooperation as we meet together:

- Any prospective attendee experiencing symptoms associated with COVID or that has been diagnosed as having coronavirus and has not completed a 14-day quarantine period or otherwise tested negative should refrain from attending the workshop. In addition, any prospective attendee known to have been exposed to someone diagnosed as having coronavirus or caring for someone diagnosed as having coronavirus should refrain from attending the workshop.
- We request that all attendees observe social distancing at the meeting whether seated or participating in breaks or networking opportunities. Seating and registration will be arranged such that attendees are social distanced from one another. We recommend that attendees avoid using other attendees' phones, equipment, handouts and sharing break items.
- We ask that every attendee wear a mask when entering, exiting, and during times of interaction, whether before or during the meeting, the breaks and the luncheon. Masks will be available at the meeting for all attendees. Persons may remove their masks at their discretion when seated and socially distanced.
- Hand sanitizing stations will be provided at the meeting for the benefit and use of attendees at their discretion.
- The breaks and luncheon will be as contactless as possible. All break foods will be pre-wrapped and there will be servers available at the luncheon to minimize contact during serving.
- We encourage attendees to follow any additional work guidelines of your company or organization as well as any additional posted guidelines of the host Hotel.

We look forward to having a safe and productive workshop and luncheon and look forward to your participation. We will keep attendees advised of any changes that may occur prior to the workshop. For more information on these recommendations, contact Khairy Abu-Salah or Mark Williams at MDEQ at 601-961-5171.