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COVID-19 Update from the Hattiesburg Saenger

Hattiesburg, MS (March 16, 2020) - With the declaration of a National Emergency on Friday, March 13, the Saenger Theater has been closely monitoring guidance from the CDC, State of Mississippi and the City of Hattiesburg with respect to its operations during the COVID-19 pandemic. On Sunday, March 15, the CDC lowered its recommendation for limiting mass gatherings down 250 to 50 persons or less for the time being.

Because the health and wellbeing of our guests and our community is paramount, and the fact that the Saenger Theater is a place of mass gathering, effective immediately we will close to ALL access and events. This closure will remain in effect until mid-April, unless guidance from these health and government organizations indicate an extension of the closure is needed. We will continually update our status and operational changes as our community moves forward, so please be sure to visit Hattiesburg.org to get up-to-date information and follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

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The Historic Hattiesburg Saenger Theater is a 997-seat establishment built in 1929. Originally a theater meant to show silent films, the building was one of seven Saenger Theaters built and operated throughout the South by the Saenger brothers. Currently, the Saenger Theater is operated by the Hattiesburg Convention Commission. Our mission is to enhance the lives of our neighbors and grow the economy of downtown Hattiesburg by creating compelling performance experiences that draw residents and visitors.

