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The Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum Reopens Today Following Closure Due to COVID-19

JACKSON, Miss. — Today, the Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum opens its facilities following closure due to COVID-19. The Museum will resume normal operating hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

“I’m glad to welcome visitors back to the Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum,” said Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce Andy Gipson. “We want everyone to enjoy the outdoor experience and open-air exhibits offered, particularly the newborn lambs of the Children’s Barnyard.”

The Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum is following the regulations, orders and guidelines in accordance to the Governor’s mandate to ensure safety and prevent the spread of COVID-19. Social distancing is required throughout the campus, personal protective equipment (PPE) is encouraged and hand sanitizer is provided.

The Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum, located at 1150 Lakeland Drive in Jackson, is open Monday through Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For more information about the Museum, call 601-432-4500 or 1-800-844-8687, visit www.msagmuseum.org or visit the Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum on Facebook.

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The Children's Barnyard is one of the various exhibits offered at the Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum. This facility features several stalls, a turnout area, chicken coop, hay loft, tack room and veterinary medicine display. The Barnyard also houses a variety of farm animals such as rabbits, chickens, goats, sheep, cows, mules, pigs and the famous rodeo horse, Gunsmoke.