Fwd: Suspension of Disconnects/Shutoffs and COVID-19

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Gentlemen,

I am reaching out you collectively with a request based on the guidance from Dr. Dobbs with the Mississippi Department of Health, MEMA Executive Director Michel and numerous other concerned stakeholders/partners. With regard to the recommended guidance of social distancing, school closings, work place closures, encouragement of teleworking, and isolation (for potential and confirmed exposures) we recommend messaging be sent to utility providers and water associations to request that disconnects and shutoffs be suspended for a timeframe of 60 days. I believe the timeframe of 60 days has been recommended or requested for situations similar to this one in the past. I appreciate each of you being willing to stay engaged remotely with the response and operational aspects of the COVID-19 Pandemic. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns and I will work to accommodate. As a reminder, don't forget to place any pertinent activities or situational awareness items in the sitrep branch journal section of WebEOC. You each should have received an email regarding the posture of the SEOC for the next few days. Thank you in advance for you support and help with this matter.

Thanks,

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