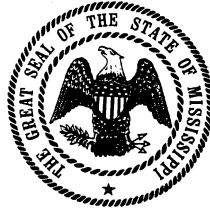


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MGC Has Begun the Process For Reopening Gulf Coast Casinos

Jackson, MS, August 30, 2012 – The Mississippi Gaming Commission (MGC) said it has begun the process for reopening of Gulf Coast casinos.

"Some casinos could be approved and ready for reopening as early as this evening, but we have targeted to have all back in operation by noon tomorrow, " said Allen Godfrey, Executive Director of the MGC.

Godfrey said the MGC is sufficiently staffed to handle the reopening process which includes ensuring that necessary personnel are available and support systems are operational.

"Not all casinos were effected the same by the hurricane and therefore circumstances are different as they relate of reopening," Godfrey said. "Those unique circumstances will determine the timeline for some reopening."

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