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## Mobile County Health Department warns about fake inspector

MOBILE, Alabama — The Mobile County Health Department (MCHD) has been alerted by several businesses of one or more individuals claiming to be official representatives of our organization. These incidents appeared to have begun after Governor Kay Ivey declared a State of Emergency on Friday, March 13, 2020 concerning the spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus in Alabama.

In the Semmes area, an individual representing herself as a MCHD inspector has reportedly gone into several fast-food restaurants and demanded they shut down immediately.

Other reports have an individual going into local daycare facilities and demanding they shut down immediately. In these cases, they alleged to have a letter supporting their actions.

If someone claiming to represent MCHD goes into an establishment, they will have an official employee badge with their photograph on it. Business owners and managers are encouraged to ask for such identification.

Any business wishing to verify the authority of someone claiming to represent MCHD, they may call Inspection Services at 251-690-8116 during normal business hours.

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