

**COVID-19 (Corona Virus)**  
**Operational Changes and Recommendations for City and County Facilities**

The Board of Commissioners and City Council has issued the following operational changes and recommendations to comply with Governor Brian Kemp's Executive Order 04.02.20.01, issuing a statewide shelter in place to stop the spread of COVID-19. The subject changes and recommendations shall be effective for a period beginning at 6:00 P.M. April 3, 2020 and expire at 11:59 P.M. April 12, 2020, unless otherwise extended.

1. In order to meet specific social distancing requirements and measures to mitigate exposure established within Executive Order 04.02.20.01 all McDuffie County and City of Thomson facilities will reduce operational staff.
2. All County and City owned public parks, recreation facilities and Raysville Campground will remain closed to comply with requirements for residents "to shelter in place within their homes or place of residence."
3. City and County Government Buildings are closed to public access.
4. During the effective dates of the Governor's Order. Staff shall implement measures which mitigate the exposure and spread of COVID-19 among our workforce. Mitigation measures will include the following:
  1. Workers who exhibit signs of illness, such as a fever over 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit, cough, or shortness of breath shall not report to work and are required to leave the work place immediately if said symptoms are observed during working hours;
  2. Workers who exhibit signs of illness shall not report to work and are to seek medical attention;
  3. Proper sanitation and hand washing will be required in the workplace;
  4. Personal protective equipment as available and appropriate to the function and location of the worker within the business location will be provided;
  5. Gathering of workers is prohibited during working hours;
  6. Provide services remotely whenever possible;
  7. Employees not scheduled to work shall not be in the workplace and are strongly encouraged to shelter in place within their homes or place of residence.
  8. Operation staff will limit physical interaction with others in public.
  9. Government buildings are to remain closed to public access with essential services provided as necessary remotely whenever possible and in-person by appointment only.

Additionally, our citizens and employees are strongly encouraged to adhere to the following mitigation strategies:

1. Stay at home. Limit your community movement.
2. Certain persons within the State of Georgia and therefore, McDuffie County, who have serious underlying conditions likely to cause and increase the spread of COVID-19 if such person were to become infected are to isolate, quarantine, or shelter in place within their homes or place of residence. This shall include the following:
  - a. Those persons who live in a nursing home or long-term care facility;
  - b. Those persons who have chronic lung disease;
  - c. Those persons who are currently undergoing cancer treatment; and
  - d. Those persons included in Department of Public Health Administrative Order 03.22.20.01.
    - i. Persons with known COVID-19, based on notification by a healthcare provider or official.

- ii. Persons with suspected COVID-19, based on notification by a healthcare provider or official.
  - iii. Persons with COVID-19 exposure likely to result in infection, based on notification by a healthcare provider or official.
- 3. Cancel community gatherings and no Faith Based Gatherings, including church services and funeral services, of more than ten (10) people in a single location unless there is six (6) feet between each person at all times.
- 4. All citizens of McDuffie County, the Town of Dearing, and the City of Thomson are strongly encouraged to follow all relevant guidelines and recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Department of Public Health.