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# PRESS RELEASE

## City of Winter Park coronavirus disease UPDATE #3

**WINTER PARK, FL, an internationally recognized, award winning city with multiple accredited agencies (March 20, 2020)** The City of Winter Park continues to monitor the status of coronavirus (COVID-19) and is working diligently to protect our community. City leaders encourage our community to join them in thanking our healthcare workers, public safety responders, restaurant staff, grocery store workers, postal carriers, delivery personnel, trash collectors, and utility workers for continuing to provide services to our community.

All city departments will continue to provide essential city services and city staff is prepared and ready to serve the community during this situation by taking the following precautionary steps:

### **ORANGE COUNTY CURFEW**

- March 20, Orange County Mayor Jerry Demings announced a mandated daily curfew, effective daily from 11 p.m. through 5 a.m.
- Exemptions for the curfew include essential workers such as medical, government and first responders, as well as individuals reporting for regular work.
- Winter Park Police Department will enforce this curfew starting March 20.

### **CITY HALL AND FACILITIES CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC**

- City Hall and city facilities remain closed to the public until further notice. City services and assistance remain available via phone or email.
- The Public Safety Facility at 500 N. Virginia Ave., as well as Fire Stations 62 on Lakemont Avenue and Station 64 on Howell Branch Road, are closed to visitors, except for emergencies.
- Recreation facility closures include:
  - Community Center, Cady Way Pool, Showalter Stadium, golf course, tennis center, playgrounds, and public parks.
- Public parks that are open greenspaces will remain accessible. Please practice proper social distancing protocol with six feet of space between others.
- Winter Park Farmers' Market, held each Saturday, is suspended until further notice.

### **PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITIES & SERVICES**

- Winter Park Fire-Rescue Department is operating normally providing fire and EMS services.
- Winter Park Police Department is operating normally with modified nonemergency responses.
  - For more information, call [407-644-1313](tel:407-644-1313).

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## EVENTS & GATHERINGS

- The City Commission regular and special meetings that were scheduled for Monday, March 23, are both cancelled.
  - Future Commission meetings are to be determined/announced as they are scheduled.
- City advisory board meetings are cancelled until further notice.
- City events/gatherings of 10 people or more are cancelled/postponed until further notice.
  - Access the city's [calendar of events](#) for specific event cancellations or postponements.
- All recreational programming and events for youth, adults and seniors are cancelled.

## UTILITY CUSTOMERS

Although utility statements and due dates will remain on schedule, we do understand that some customers may experience difficult financial situations during the pandemic. Therefore, we are suspending our disconnection for nonpayment policy until further notice. As always, for utility billing questions please call [407-599-3220](tel:407-599-3220). For outage/service issues, please call [877-811-8700](tel:877-811-8700).

## BUSINESS COMMUNITY

- The recent Executive Order #20-71 by [Governor Ron DeSantis](#) requires:
  - All restaurants and food establishments must suspend food and alcohol consumption on the premises. They can continue to operate their kitchens to provide delivery or take-out services.
  - Businesses cannot sell alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption. They are able to offer alcoholic beverages for delivery and takeout if accompanied by a food order. IDs are required for all orders that include alcohol.
  - Gyms and fitness centers shall be closed with exception to amenities of hotels with a capacity of 10 or less, amenity of a residential building, interior to a police or fire station or inside a single-occupant office building.
- Although City Hall is closed to the public, Building & Permitting Services will be reviewing plan submittals and issuing permits electronically via [permits@cityofwinterpark.org](mailto:permits@cityofwinterpark.org). Inspections will continue on a case-by-case basis. You can schedule inspections online at [Epay](#) or call [407-599-3350](tel:407-599-3350).
- Grease trap inspections have been suspended until further notice.
- The city is eager to work alongside the Winter Park Chamber of Commerce to help local businesses.
- For creative ideas and new initiatives to help local businesses, including curbside food pickup and home delivery options from our local restaurants, please access the [Winter Park Chamber of Commerce](#) website.

Because information regarding the spread of COVID-19 changes on a daily basis, at minimum, please stay informed by using reliable sources including:

- [cdc.gov/COVID19](https://www.cdc.gov/COVID19)
- [cityofwinterpark.org](https://www.cityofwinterpark.org)
- [facebook.com/WinterParkEmergencyInfo](https://www.facebook.com/WinterParkEmergencyInfo)
- [twitter.com/winterparkfla](https://twitter.com/winterparkfla)
- **OUTREACH** – sign up for the city's emergency notification system (email, text, phone calls)
- [nextdoor.com](https://www.nextdoor.com) – sign up for your neighborhood information

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