

DECLARATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Donald J. Trump, the President of the United States, declared a National Emergency Concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID – 19); and

WHEREAS, Kay Ivey, Governor of the State of Alabama, declared a State Public Health Emergency in the State of Alabama; and

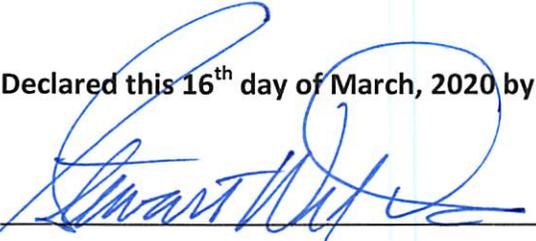
WHEREAS, Dr. Mark Wilson, Health Officer, Jefferson County Health Department, has declared a Health Emergency for Jefferson County; and

WHEREAS, the appearance of COVID-19 in the City of Mountain Brook indicates the potential of widespread exposure to an infectious agent that poses significant risk or substantial harm to a large number of residents; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Mountain Brook and Mayor Stewart Welch wish to remain proactive and vigilant with regard to our residents, workers, patrons and visitors to the City and city employee's safety;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Stewart Welch, Mayor of the City of Mountain Brook, hereby declare that a public health and safety emergency exists.

Declared this 16th day of March, 2020 by:



Stewart Welch, Mayor

FURTHER, I hereby proclaim and direct all City Departments to adhere to the following:

Directives

TO THE PUBLIC

- There are to be **NO** visitors to any city buildings or facilities.
- Administrative city services shall be conducted remotely (e.g., telephone, fax, e-mail and online)

- Any public or organized gathering of **10** people or more shall not be permitted.
- The City will follow the Jefferson County Health Department mandate, that all restaurants and bars will be closed to dine-in/bar service for a minimum of one week. Take-out/curb service will be allowed.
- The Emmet O'Neal Library will be closed to the public until further notice (online services shall continue).
- All City Parks that have playgrounds or that are fenced are closed (Overton Park, Canterbury Park, Crestline Tot-Lot, Cahaba River Walk – including the dog park, Athletic Complex). Parks/Trails that will remain open are: Jemison Trail, Watkins Trail, Nature Trail, Irondale Furnace Trail, Mountain Brook Presbyterian Church Trail. However, maintenance on the trails will be limited. The rental of the Cahaba River Walk and Overton Park Pavilions is suspended until further notice.
- All sports fields (Mountain Brook Elementary, Brookwood Forest, Crestline Elementary, Cherokee Bend Elementary, Mountain Brook Junior High School, Mountain Brook High School), and public restrooms are closed.
- All non-emergency fire department functions (CPR classes, car seat installations, fire station tours, non-emergency blood pressure screenings, fire drills) will cease until further notice.
- City fire stations are closed to all non-emergency traffic. **No** non-departmental personnel (including family members) will be allowed in the fire stations until further notice.

TO OUR CITY EMPLOYEES

- Non-essential business travel by city employees is suspended until further notice unless approved by the City Manager.
- Personal travel by city employees is highly discouraged. Additionally, city employees should inform their supervisor of any travel or potential exposure to the Covid-19 Virus. If employees (or family members) choose to travel or has any potential exposure to the Covid-19 Virus, the employee may be prohibited from returning to work for a minimum of 48 hours and up to 14 days or more. The length of

time the employee may be prohibited from returning to work will be made on a case-by-case basis, taking into consideration the most current information from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

- Do not report to work if sick or if you have reason to believe you have been exposed to someone who has Covid-19. If an employee reports to work and it is determined that the employee is sick, based on signs and symptoms and/or an elevated temperature, at the discretion of the department head or his/her designee, the employee will not be allowed to work and may use any available paid time off under City policy.

General Advice

- ✓ Avoid gatherings of people (religious services, auditoriums).
- ✓ When in a crowd, use 'social distancing', staying at least six feet apart if possible.
- ✓ Be mindful of surfaces touched (especially handles, of all types).
- ✓ Use your knuckle or elbow to turn on light switches.
- ✓ Use a paper towel to lift gas handles at the gas pumps.
- ✓ Wash hands thoroughly (at least 20 seconds) with soap and water after any potential exposure, and frequently throughout the day for good measure (use of hand sanitizer with > 60% alcohol will suffice in lieu of soap and water).
- ✓ Keep a bottle of hand sanitizer at the entrance of your house; use it upon entering and leaving your residence.
- ✓ No handshaking.
- ✓ No hugging or 'social kissing' when greeting friends or relatives
- ✓ Use sanitizing wipes on surfaces in public areas prior to use.
- ✓ If you feel sick: STAY AT HOME. Do not go out and risk infecting others.

Attachment 1

Links for Coronavirus Information

Centers for Disease Control Link:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

Alabama Department of Public Health Link:

<http://alabamapublichealth.gov/infectiousdiseases/2019-coronavirus.html>

World Health Organization Link:

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>

Jefferson County Department of Public Health Link:

<http://www.jeffcohealth.org/coronavirus-covid19>
