



March 24, 2020

## **City of Cairo Public Statement to the citizens of Cairo**

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to evolve on an hourly and daily basis, the City of Cairo is committed to continuing to provide our citizens and staff with essential governmental services in the most convenient, efficient, and professional way possible.

While taking all of the necessary precautions that you have heard in the media and from other governmental organizations, we want to also assure you that we will be responsive to your governmental needs during this time of uncertainty.

Some of our methods of operation may change for a short time so we urge you to be patient and understanding, while limiting your requests for non-essential services.

Our public safety personnel will certainly answer calls for service: however, we request that non-emergency calls be kept to a minimum so that our resources can be used to the fullest extent in cases of emergency. The health and safety of our first responders is absolutely essential to the health and safety of our community.

Also vital is the continuity of our reliable utilities. Because our water, wastewater, electric, gas, and telecom facilities are secure, we will continue to provide safe and reliable utility services to all our customers. In order to keep everyone safe and healthy, we ask that customers avoid personal contact with our customer service representatives by using alternate methods of communication and payment, and by doing business through on-line services, drive- thru, drop box, telephone or mail.

Because the economic vitality of our community is crucial, we ask you to continue to patronize our local businesses while using recommended social distancing and good hygiene methods.

Below is a list of websites to keep you informed of this situation:

### **City Website**

[www.syrupcity.net](http://www.syrupcity.net)

### **Social Media**

<https://www.facebook.com/cairomainstreet/>

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**Centers for Disease Control (CDC)**

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/steps-when-sick.html>

**State of Georgia COVID-19 Hotline**

The State of Georgia has a new COVID-19 hotline at 1.844.442.2681. If you believe that you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 or have been exposed to the novel coronavirus, please contact your primary care doctor or an urgent care clinic. Please do not show up unannounced at an emergency room or health care facility.

**Governor Brian Kemp**

<https://gov.georgia.gov/>

For updates, follow Governor Brian Kemp on Twitter or Facebook.

**Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH)**

Official information about public health and COVID-19 in Georgia

<https://dph.georgia.gov/preparing-and-responding-covid-19>

For updates, please follow the Georgia Department of Public Health on Twitter or Facebook.

**Georgia Department of Economic Development (GDEcD)**

Information about the State of Georgia's response to COVID-19's economic impacts on Georgia business and industry

<https://www.georgia.org/covid19>

**Georgia Department of Labor**

Information about filing for unemployment, mandatory filing by employers for partial claims, and reemployment services.

<https://dol.georgia.gov/blog/new-information-filing-unemployment-partial-claims-and-reemployment-services>



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- There are many sources of education on COVID-19 on most communication platforms in our community for every individual to know what to do, or what not to do, to prevent the spread of this virus in Cairo and Grady County.
- The Federal and Georgia State Governments have both issued a State of emergency and along with the Center of Disease Control have made it very clear as to what must happen to stop the spread and to get us back to normal. **SOCIAL DISTANCING AND HAND WASHING IS THE KEY!**
- Confirmed cases have been identified in Southwest Georgia. Awareness and caution should be taken when traveling to or through these areas. This virus is widespread, even in areas that do not have confirmed cases. It is likely only a matter of time before we have confirmed cases in our community. Getting back to normal depends on **EVERYONE** following the rules of social distancing and hand washing everywhere and all the time.
- **THE BASICS:**  
If you feel sick stay home  
Do not gather in more than groups of 10  
Keep 6-foot radius from others  
Wash hands regularly
- Support all local businesses. For restaurants, drive thru or pick up by calling ahead. For others, practice social distancing/hand washing and the rules each business has set to protect you and their employees.
- Our city staff, under the direction and guidance of our city manager, is aware of all situations surrounding the threats to our community and along with the City Council, are ready to take any action necessary to reduce the risk to the citizens of Cairo.

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Mayor Pro Tem

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March 16, 2020

Public Statement to the citizens of Cairo:

The City of Cairo is here to serve our community during this difficult and uncertain time. We do not foresee any future interruptions of services provided to the citizens of Cairo due to the current situation. The City of Cairo will be operating temporarily in accordance to the recommendations by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) for the safety of our citizens and also our employees to limit the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19). The following adjustments are being made to limit public access to our government buildings until further notice:

**Utilities Office:**

The drive thru will be open during normal business hours of 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. Payments can also be made via the drop box, telephone or online at [www.syrupcity.net](http://www.syrupcity.net) . We advise customers to call the office at 377-1722 ext 2 with questions about their account. The after-hours telephone number is (229) 377-2489.

**City Hall:**

Limited public access. Hours 8am-5pm Monday-Friday.

In addition to protecting our citizens, the City Council and I are asking for our citizens to work and support each other without panic and confusion. We have great confidence in our city staff, health providers, and emergency management team to monitor and communicate to the general public all relevant information as it becomes available.

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