



Frequently Asked Questions relating to Covid-19 as of March 27, 2020

- **Why was an emergency declaration implemented?**

It was at the request of public health officials, emergency management officials and to follow Presidential and CDC recommendations. The purpose was to close places of assembly, enforce social distancing and limit gatherings to ten or less.

- **Why aren't all businesses being shut down?**

Shutting all businesses down would cause great economic harm to businesses and workers and would cause numerous layoffs. The current measures being taken by businesses and the community have greatly slowed the spread of new cases. This decision is subject to change if conditions worsen and public health and hospital officials make that request.

- **How long will the school closures last?**

Governor Kemp issued an executive order for public schools to remain closed through April 24th.

- **How long will the emergency declaration last?**

The initial term of the emergency declaration was through April 4th. Based on information from the Georgia Department of Public Health and others, the declaration is extended through April 7th. Conditions will be evaluated next week to determine if further action is necessary.

- **Must all businesses, large and small, limit themselves to ten customers at a time?**

No. The 10-person limit in a location (such as grocery or hardware stores) is required only if the business cannot allow people to have six (6) feet between where they are standing or sitting.

- **Cemeteries/Funerals**

Community gathering restrictions apply to enclosed or contained indoor or outdoor gatherings. Services inside should be limited to ten persons, who should socially distance. Services outside, provided they are not contained in tents, can exceed that number, as long as chairs are spaced six feet apart. Limited attendance should be encouraged especially by those most vulnerable.

- **Are working farms, kennels, and feed stores exempt?**

Yes

- **Is there a curfew?**

No, the declaration does not invoke a curfew for all persons to be off the streets at a certain time.

- **Walking Trails and Park Facilities**

All gated Cartersville Parks and Recreation facilities are closed. Practice social distancing & limit any gathering on walking trails to ten or less.

- **What businesses are required to close?**

- 1) Body care services such as barber shops, hair salons, nail salons, cosmetology, massage therapy, tattoo artists, body waxing, tanning salons, esthetics, etc.
- 2) Restaurant dining areas are closed to the public except for take-out, delivery, drive-thru or curbside service. Restaurants licensed to sell malt beverages and/or wine by the drink for consumption on the premises may sell malt beverages and/or wine in sealed containers by the package without obtaining any additional license. Such alcohol sales must be take-out only, not for delivery.
- 3) Bars, taverns and similar establishments licensed for consumption on premises or for brown-bagging for consumption on premises is closed for the duration of the declaration.
- 4) Indoor recreation facilities, gyms, health studios, yoga, spin or other fitness classes, spas, saunas, indoor amusement facilities, arcades, bowling alleys, pool halls, movie theaters, playhouses, concert venues.

- **Construction companies, their employees and other essential services/businesses (do they need a certificate to work?)**

Our ordinances do not apply the characterization "essential" or "non-essential." Some businesses that are identified as essential in nature have chosen to provide their employees with written documentation identifying their company and its employees as essential.

- **Will I be pulled over and fined?**

No one will be pulled over and questioned for simply being out on the road.

- **How do I get designated an essential business or worker?**

There is no such designation implemented in the emergency declaration.