

Information Release: Emergency Measures Ordinance (FAQ)

Q: When will the emergency measures ordinance take effect?

A: The ordinance will become effective at 8:00am (EST) on Thursday, March 26, 2020.

Q: When will the emergency measures ordinance conclude?

A: The ordinance will conclude at 12:00pm (EST) on Wednesday, April 8, 2020.

Q: Where does the emergency measures ordinance apply?

A: The ordinance applies to locations ONLY within the City limits of the City of Newnan.

Q: Are restaurants still able to operate?

A: Yes, however dine-in services must cease. It is permissible for restaurants to prepare food for customers to be retrieved via delivery, drive-through or take-out services.

Q: Has a curfew been put in place?

A: No, however the City of Newnan encourages individuals to voluntarily shelter at home and not travel unless they are performing necessary tasks, such as travelling to/from work, purchasing food and medicine and seeking medical care.

Q: Should my business close during this time?

A: The ordinance does not require all private businesses to temporarily close. Please review the ordinance for greater clarification. <http://cityofnewnan.org/government/covid-19.php>

Q: Are specific businesses closed during the time period in which the ordinance is in effect?

A: Yes, gyms, fitness centers, pools, social clubs, amusement facilities, bowling alleys, pool halls, theatres, massage parlors, nail salons, and any other similar facility, and facility use for entertainment, social, grooming, or general health and wellbeing purposes, must close and remain closed for the duration of this emergency.

Q: Are childcare facilities closed during this time?

A: No, childcare facilities are not required to close under the emergency measures ordinance. However, for further guidance, please refer to the Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning's website <http://dec.al.ga.gov/BFTS/Covid19.aspx> To review their FAQ at <http://dec.al.ga.gov/documents/attachments/faqscoronaexternal3-26.pdf>

Q: Will large groups be permitted to gather?

A: No, in order to preserve public health guidelines, gatherings of more than 10 people (outside of a household) are prohibited.

Q: Can I maintain my dentist, eye doctor and physician appointment during this time?

A: Yes, healthcare services are not required to close temporarily. However, you are encouraged to contact your healthcare provider in advance of visiting their office.

Q: Are beauty and barber shops allowed to remain open?

A: No, beauty and barber shops must remain closed temporarily during this time.

Q: How can the public receive updates related to the emergency measures ordinance?

A: Members of the general public should review local media sources as well as any/all updates posted on the City of Newnan's website and social media channels.