EXECUTIVE ORDER DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN DEKALB COUNTY AND ORDERING THAT ALL INDIVIDUALS LIVING IN DEKALB COUNTY ARE DIRECTED TO STAY AT THEIR PLACE OF RESIDENCE UNLESS ENGAGING IN ESSENTIAL ACTIVITIES, ESSENTIAL GOVERNMENT FUNCTIONS OR TO OPERATE OR WORK FOR OR ACCESS ESSENTIAL BUSINESSES.
(See page 5 for key portions of this order, or view the full order on DeKalb County’s website.)

CORONAVIRUS STIMULUS CHECKS

Many of us will be entitled to a stimulus check soon. The standard relief payment will be $1,200. You get additional money if you have children, and less if you make more than $75,000.

Receiving payment could be a more involved process for those without readily available addresses, bank accounts and tax records. But it’s important to remember - everybody that has a valid social security number is apparently entitled to the stimulus payment.

The IRS can be expected to turn first to sending money electronically to accounts that filed and used direct deposit during the last two tax cycles. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin has said the government wants to start distributing those payments in as soon as three weeks.

Those who did file returns but didn’t elect for a direct deposit will get paper checks, and that could take a month or two months. Those who did file returns and elect for a direct deposit will receive their money in as little as three weeks.

Those who didn’t get their check or who didn’t file returns are entitled to the money, but will need to be proactive about getting it. Some who didn’t file taxes, and will either use direct deposit or mail a check to last known addresses.

People who have experienced homelessness, or have been living in between homes, or who are off the grid are entitled to the money, but will need to be proactive about getting onto the government’s radar to get it.

Some volunteer tax help sites can give advice, or a social service agency may help you apply for a check. Here are some resources that may help:

For tax returns: The Atlanta United Way runs a VITA program providing tax assistance to low-income individuals and families. They can be contacted via email at info@unitedwayatlanta.org and their phone number is 404-527-7200.

For social security address changes: You can try contacting the Atlanta regional Social Security Administration office at 1-800-772-1213 or visit the Social Security Administration change of address website to set up an online account and update the best place where you could be sent the check.
LITHONIA APRIL EVENTS CALENDAR

Due to the DeKalb County State of Emergency no April events or meetings are listed at this time. We will update you by May 1, 2020, or sooner if this changes during the month of April.

We encourage you to patronize our local Lithonia businesses as much as possible during this difficult period! Support them so that they can support you! Consider delivery services.

DeKalb Economic Development Conference Call
Friday, April 3, 11:00 am

Addressing the challenges faced by the businesses of DeKalb County due to COVID-19 and any best practices you have implemented in your community.

Randi Mason
Vice President, Economic Development
Decide DeKalb Development Authority

Conference numbers: (646) 741-5292 111 697 2958#
HELMETS & KNEE PADS PROVIDED TO KIDS ON BRUCE STREET

Recently, Major Banks of the DeKalb Police Department was pulling into the Bruce Street precinct and saw 3 kids riding their scooters and bicycles without helmets. His fatherly instinct immediately kicked into action. Major Banks stopped and told the kids to come into the precinct where he gave all three of them helmets and knee pads. The kids and their parents were extremely thankful. They immediately went back outside and resumed riding, but, in a safer way. Thanks, Major Banks!

FREE LUNCH PROGRAM

During the school closure, all DeKalb students (elementary/middle/high) can receive a free bagged lunch and snack at Lithonia High School (Marbut at Phillips) between 10:00 am and noon, Monday through Friday. See the district website for other locations, but this is the one in our area.

LOCAL FOOD RESOURCES

ELDORA S. WILLIAMS FOOD PANTRY
FIRST SAINT PAUL AME CHURCH
2699 KLONGIKE ROAD
LITHONIA, GA 30058
770-484-9660
www.firstsaintpaulame.org

Hours Of Operation
2nd Friday of the month - 1:00 pm- 3:00 pm
1st and 3rd Saturday - 8:00 am- 10:00 am
2nd and 4th Saturday - 9:00 am- 12 noon

DOLLIE’S FOOD PANTRY
EXOUSIA LIGHTHOUSE
CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES
2562 BOND STREET
LITHONIA,GA 30058
770-695-0167

Hours of Operation
1st Tuesday – 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

DEKALB URGES RESIDENTS TO KEEP PAPER TOWELS, WIPES OUT OF PIPES

DeKalb County Department of Watershed Management reminds residents to keep paper towels, sanitizing wipes or “flushable” wipes out of the sewer system.

“We want to eliminate any other potential public health threats, especially during this COVID-19 crisis,” said DeKalb CEO Michael Thurmond. “Along with keeping fats, oils and grease out of the drains, keeping paper towels and wipes out of our sewer pipes is a step the public can take to prevent the spread of disease.”

Paper towels and wipes, even those marketed as flushable, should only be disposed of in the trash. When flushed, they do not biodegrade appropriately in the sewers, leading to costly clogs and sewer spills.
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**COUNCIL MEETINGS**

**APRIL MEETINGS POSTPONED DUE TO DEKALB COUNTY STATE OF EMERGENCY**

City Hall
Council Chambers
6920 Main Street
Lithonia, GA 30058

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**AARP**

CORONAVIRUS Q&A: YOUR MONEY & HEALTH

To join, call 855-274-9507 toll-free on Thursday, April 2, at 1 p.m. ET.

Seniors, join AARP along with money management and health experts for a special coronavirus live Q&A on Thursday, April 2, at 1 p.m. ET. Ask questions, hear the latest about the global crisis, and learn how the government stimulus will affect your finances.

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**EASTER!**

Happy Easter!
EXECUTIVE ORDER

1. There exists a public health and economic emergency within DeKalb County, Georgia, due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the following emergency actions must be taken to promote and secure the health, safety, and economic well-being of all people in DeKalb County;

2. In accordance with this emergency declaration, I am ordering that all individuals living in DeKalb County are directed to stay at their place of residence. All individuals are permitted to leave their places of residence only to provide or receive certain essential services or engage in certain essential activities and work for essential businesses and essential governmental functions, all as defined herein;

3. Individuals who are medically fragile in that they are at an increased risk for contracting COVID-19 and people who are sick are strongly encouraged to stay in their residence to the extent possible except as necessary to seek medical care ("medically fragile person/people");

4. Individuals experiencing homelessness are exempt from this order but are strongly urged to find shelter and government agencies and non-profits to provide shelter and housing and assistance;

5. Any person showing symptoms recognized by the CDC as indicators of COVID19 shall refrain from entering public buildings, restaurants, shops, public transportation facilities and all other areas where the public ingresses or egresses. Such person should seek medical attention and follow the directions of their Primary Care Physician until given the clearance to return to public interaction;

6. The Chief Executive Officer reaffirms, recognizes, and reinforces the various Orders and Resolutions that various cities, wholly or partially located in DeKalb County, have enacted declaring a State of Emergency with varying rules and limitations within their respective city limits;

7. The Chief Executive Officer invites all of the cities to adopt this Order so that the Rules within all of DeKalb County are uniform and easily accessible and understood by our citizenry, employers and businesses;

8. In an attempt to stop the spread of COVID-19 and protect all residents, citizens, and visitors, I am strongly encouraging all businesses with a facility in DeKalb County, except Essential Businesses as defined herein, to cease all except Minimum Basic Operations, as defined herein;

9. All public and private gatherings of any number of people occurring outside a single household or living unit are prohibited, except for the limited purposes as expressly permitted herein. Nothing in this Order prohibits the gathering of members of a household or living unit;

10. All DeKalb citizens who travel to Gwinnett County and outside of DeKalb County’s boundaries are encouraged to abide by all Orders and regulations issued by Gwinnett or the jurisdiction to which one has travelled. All citizens from neighboring counties who enter DeKalb County are encouraged to follow the rules set forth in this Executive Order;

11. The Chief Executive Officer of DeKalb County and the Chair of the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners are committed to sharing information so that executive orders, rules and regulations are regional and complementary in an effort to reduce the imminent economic and public health harm of COVID-19 and create uniformity of purpose across the region;

12. Essential Activities. Individuals who are medically fragile in that they are at an increased risk for contracting COVID-19 and people who are sick are strongly encouraged to stay in their residence to the extent possible except as necessary to seek medical care. In performing Essential Activities, all persons are required to remain six (6) feet from each other. For the purposes of this Order, individuals may leave their residence only to perform any of the following Essential Activities:

   a. To engage in activities or tasks essential to an individual or family member's health and safety (including pets); b. To obtain necessary services and supplies for themselves, their family or household to deliver those services or supplies to others; c. To engage in outdoor activity, provided the individuals remain at least six feet from each other; d. To perform work for Essential Businesses or to obtain products or services from Essential Businesses, including engaging in Minimum Basic Operations; e. To care for a person who is medically fragile or family member or pet in another household; f. To engage in Essential Governmental Functions, which are any and all services needed to ensure the continuing operation of any governmental agency. Persons who are performing or accessing Essential Governmental Functions are exempt from this Order;

13. Essential Businesses. Essential Businesses are defined as the following:

   a. All types of Health care operations, including but not limited to nursing homes, assisted living facilities, hospitals, doctor's offices, research and laboratory operations; but gyms and fitness centers are NOT considered health care operations b. Home based care for seniors, adults and children; Veterinary Operations; d. Federal, State, County and Municipal services e. Utilities (gas, electricity, phone, cable) f. Banks and credit unions g. Essential Infrastructure--telecommunications, airports, airlines, transportation (buses, MARTA, Lyft, Uber, taxis) h. Delivery services (businesses that deliver or ship foods or goods to homes or businesses) i. Essential Manufacturing/Construction to maintain public health, safety and welfare j. Businesses selling food k. Businesses that supply products needed for people to work at home l. Pharmacies m. Professional services such as legal, accounting and real estate when necessary to assist in compliance with legally mandated activities n. Businesses that perform repair work for businesses and homes o. Trash and recycling collection, processing, and disposal p. Mail and shipping services q. Lodging Businesses (For Example, hotels, motels and conference centers) r. Laundromats/dry cleaning s. Janitorial Services (Building/Residential cleaning and maintenance) t. Providers of basic necessities to economically disadvantaged populations u. Auto repair and gas stations v. Warehouse/distribution and fulfillment w. Funeral homes, crematories, and cemeteries x. Storage for essential businesses y. Animal shelters or animal care or management and crematories z. Bike shops aa. News Media bb. Logistical and Tech Support cc. Cafeterias located within medical, industrial, government or other such production facilities that are performing essential functions that are necessary to promote health, welfare and vital resources in DeKalb County. These facilities are strongly encouraged to stagger meal times, limit use as much as feasible to achieve physical distancing, and to thoroughly follow CDC protocols of cleaning. dd. Childcare facilities ee. Elder care facilities ff. Any service that is deemed by the Chief Executive Officer to be essential for the protection of public health, safety and welfare; 14. Minimum Basic Operations. “Minimum Basic Operations” include the following, provided that people remain six (6) feet from each other to the extent possible while carrying out such operations:

   a. the minimum necessary activities to maintain the value of the business’ inventory, ensure security, process payroll and employee benefits, or for related functions;

   b. the minimum necessary activities to facilitate employees of the business being able to continue to work remotely from their residences;

15. In recognition that the County does not have the personnel or resources to monitor and police distancing or gathering limitations or stay at home requirements, the DeKalb County police department and other departments of County government as necessary are authorized to support compliance with this Order through information delivery and education of individuals about the terms of this Order and the imminent threat posed by COVID-19.

This Order will be effective on March 28, 2020 at 9:00 pm. and may be amended as necessary in order to adapt to the ever-changing health and economic situation in DeKalb County. This Order is not intended to and does not create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable in law or equity by any party against DeKalb County, its officials, employees, or agents. This Order remains in effect until further notice; all provisions of this Order are subject to change or termination at any time, without prior notice.