Town Hall Meeting

Tuesday, March 17, 2020
CDC RECOMMENDED GUIDELINES

• Eliminate mass gatherings
• Identify vulnerable populations
• Promote daily practice of everyday preventive actions.
• Stay home when sick
• Cover coughs, reduce handshakes
• Wash hands often (20 seconds)
• Hand sanitizers (at least 60% alcohol)
• Clean frequently touched surfaces
• Avoid touching eyes, nose, mouth
AL DEPT. OF PUBLIC HEALTH

- No mass gatherings, less than 50 and 6-foot distance
- Senior adults or immuno compromised should avoid gatherings of 10+
- For retail business, including restaurants, limit patronage at any one time to 50% of the normally allowable capacity.
- Restaurants should maintain a six-foot distance between tables.
- Public buildings should consider whether visitation may be limited. (Hospitals, nursing homes and assisted living)
- All persons should consider whether out-of-state travel plans may be delayed or cancelled.
- Participants in religious services or events, weddings, funerals and family events should exercise prudence and maintain consistent six-foot distance between participants if possible.
WHAT ARE WE DOING?

A fine line...

- The beaches in Orange Beach are state beaches and are not ours to close. That will be a state decision.
- There is already an alcohol ban on state beaches.
- No large gatherings on the beach and dispersing crowds as best we can.
WHAT ARE WE DOING?

• Working with restaurants and all businesses to be socially responsible.
• Share the burden short term to preserve our health and economy long term.
• Limited seating, outdoor eating, take out, modifying and / or eliminating salad bars and buffets.
• Support local restaurants and minimize crowds at grocery stores.
• Encouraging bars to shift customers outside, if possible
WHAT ARE WE DOING?

• Don’t stockpile. We discourage hoarding. Remember you’re actually taking from your neighbor.
• Please be wary of lines.
• Be courteous of elderly and let them skip ahead to lines.
• We’re encouraging all businesses to set aside time for those 65 and over.
CITY SERVICES

• All of our police and firemen are on duty and working. Please be courteous, if you have symptoms and tell them ahead of time.

• City offices will remain open but the public is encouraged to handle as much business as possible via phone or online. Maximize distance and limit contact. Modifying lobbies. Advise every business to do the same.
CITY SERVICES

• Until further notice, the Orange Beach Recreation Center and Aquatics Center have stopped all new memberships, day passes and guests of members. All fitness and aquatics classes will still be open to members and holders of prepaid punch cards.

• Recreation league play has been postponed indefinitely.
SENIORS IN NEED

- Compiling a list of elderly homebound, health-compromised citizens of Orange Beach.
- Helping with errands.
- Reaching out to our church families and other faith-based organizations, such as Christian Service Center, to help provide assistance.

- If you know of anyone that needs help, please contact the mayor’s office at 251-981-6810.
Following President Trump’s guidance, states and localities that close schools need to address childcare needs of critical responders, as well as the nutritional needs of children. Following that guidance, the city is offering ...

- Childcare for first responders and city employees. (Ex. Postal workers)
- Childcare for working residents.
- Evaluating how nutritional needs of all kids will be met.
- Seeking nurse to be on site to monitor children’s health.
CHILDCARE

• Camp Sunshine (kindergarten through 2nd grade)
• Expect Excellence (3rd through 6th grade)
• 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., March 18th to April 3rd

• Individual choice: Risk vs. Reward.
• We don’t want to eliminate people’s choices. Especially those who have no choice.
The city is prepared to support the AL Dept. of Public Health in setting up testing sites.
Expect Excellence
Academics, Arts & Athletics for Children & Youth

CAMP SUNSHINE
CITY OF ORANGE BEACH
PARKS AND RECREATION
New facilities and space constraints
Future of the City’s Childcare programs Camp Sunshine and Expect Excellence
Questions?