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City of Lincolnton Updates City Operations

The City of Lincolnton joined Lincoln County in declaring a State of Emergency for the ongoing coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic on Monday. **There are currently no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Lincoln County.**

Lincoln County continues to work under the direction of the Governor's Office and follow the guidance of the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS). The declaration places the Lincoln County emergency management plan into effect and ensures that the county health director can recommend restricted access areas or control other activities and conditions to maintain order and protect lives or property during the state of emergency. Importantly, ALL non-essential, social gatherings of 50 people or more are strongly discouraged at this time.

The declaration was effective at 10 AM on Monday 3/16 and remains in effect until rescinded by the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners.

In addition to the measures taken by Lincoln County to close the Senior Center and suspend recreation activities, the City of Lincolnton has taken proactive measures to revise city operations as follows:

- Parks & Recreation:
 - Suspended Spring Youth Soccer League activities including games, practices and events through 4/6.
 - Closed the gym and racquetball courts at the Lentz Recreation Center until further notice. There will be no open gym, pickleball, walking program or other activities.
 - The parks are open including the outdoor courts at BGRoss Park.
- Lincolnton Fire Department:
 - Cancelled all fire station visits including previously scheduled meetings.
 - Suspended all car safety seat checks/installs, training and public activities.
 - Is taking extra protections when responding to incidents and utilizing strict preventive CDC guidelines; do not be alarmed. It is for first responder safety, as well as citizens.

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- City Hall:
 - Remains open to the public, but residents are encouraged to conduct business via phone or email whenever possible.

All residents are urged to exercise judgment and take the following precautions as appropriate:

- Monitor information provided by the [CDC](#) and [NCDHHS](#) in addition to official State, County or City communications.
- Practice good hygiene and take everyday preventive actions:
 - Practice social distancing; stay 10 feet distance from other people
 - Wash hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds at a time.
 - Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
 - Avoid close contact with people who are ill.
 - Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Do not reuse tissue after coughing, sneezing or blowing your nose.
 - Clean and disinfect surfaces that are frequently touched.
 - Older people and people with severe chronic conditions (heart disease, diabetes, and lung disease) should take special precautions because they are at higher risk of developing a more serious COVID-19 illness.
 - Pay attention for potential COVID-19 symptoms including **fever, cough, and shortness of breath**. If you feel like you are developing symptoms, call your doctor or medical provider. DO NOT go to the office or emergency room, call first.

The City of Lincolnton and Lincoln County are prepared and ready to respond should COVID-19 illness be suspected or confirmed in the community. All citizens are urged to do their part to slow the spread of the disease, so it does not overwhelm our healthcare facilities and providers. We have posted current information and recommendations to our website at LincolntonNC.org and will provide future updates and instructions as they become available.

For general questions regarding COVID-19 please call the Coronavirus Helpline at 1866-462-3821.

For specific concerns regarding Lincoln County please call the Lincoln County Health Department triage line at 704-736-8510.