

Dear Citizens of the City of Lovejoy:

It is my hope that all of you are staying safe during the COVID-19 world pandemic. It has hit our country and state hard and I want to share with you where we are as a City to minimize its impact here.

Since the President of the United States declared a National Public Health Emergency on Friday, March 13, 2020 as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic the Governor of the State of Georgia declared a State Emergency in Georgia on March 14, 2020. The City of Lovejoy is strongly urging for citizens, individuals and the business community to help prevent and slow the spread of COVID-19 by doing the following:

- If you are experiencing the CDC indicators such as fever, cough and shortness of breath, self-quarantine for a period of 14 days and refrain from public interaction;
- Minimize gatherings to ten (10) or less persons and practice social distancing, which means maintaining an at least six (6) foot distance from another individual;
- Eating establishments and restaurants within the City are encouraged to maintain social distancing for the service of their customers. Similarly, these establishments are encouraged to engage in take-out or delivery only service;
- Practice safe hygiene by washing hands with soap and water for at least twenty seconds as frequently as possible, using hand sanitizer when soap and water are not readily available, covering coughs or sneezes (into the sleeve or elbow, not hands), regularly cleaning high-touch surfaces, and not shaking hands;
- Places of Worship are strongly urged to seek virtual means to broadcast worship services and are further encouraged to minimize services such as weddings, funerals, and baptisms to 10 or fewer people.

Next, it is important for you to know that the City is doing its part to help prevent and slow the spread of COVID-19. We have closed the City facilities to the public, including City Hall, the garden, the Community Center, playgrounds and basketball courts. City Hall staff is available on a limited basis and may be reached via email at

LJCITY@CITYOFLOVEJOY.COM. Community Center inquiries may be sent to [COMMUNITYCENTER@CITYOFLOVEJOY.COM](mailto:COMMUNITYCENTER@CITYOFLOVEJOY.COM).

The Police Department remains operational. You are encouraged to call 770-477-3550 for non-emergency calls that require a police officer to be dispatched to your location. For emergencies, please call 911. Municipal Court has been cancelled until further notice. General inquiries may be sent to the Police Department via email to [LPD@CITYOFLOVEJOY.COM](mailto:LPD@CITYOFLOVEJOY.COM).

As things are changing daily, the City is constantly monitoring the situation to determine the best and safest time to resume full governmental functions. As we monitor the guidance provided from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”), Federal Emergency Management Agency (“FEMA”), Georgia Municipal Association (“GMA”), and more, here are some informational resources for you to get updates and know what is happening in our state:

[www.cdc.gov/COVID19-symptoms](http://www.cdc.gov/COVID19-symptoms)

[www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/retirement/guidance-retirement-response.html](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/retirement/guidance-retirement-response.html)  
[www.dph.georgia.gov](http://www.dph.georgia.gov)

<https://gov.georgia.gov/executive-action/executive-orders-0/2020-executive-orders> - Governor’s Executive Orders

<https://gov.georgia.gov/press-releases> - Governor’s Press Releases

[https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/Documents/Three\\_Step\\_Process\\_SBA\\_Disaster\\_Loans.pdf](https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/Documents/Three_Step_Process_SBA_Disaster_Loans.pdf) - Small Business Disaster Loan Program

<https://dol.georgia.gov/blog/new-information-filing-unemployment-partial-claims-and-reemployment-services> - Department of Labor unemployment information

<https://dds.georgia.gov/coronavirus-covid-19> - Department of Driver Services extends DL renewals  
COVID-19 Hotline: 1-844- 442-2681

City updates will be posted to: <http://www.cityoflovejoy.com/1025/Public-Advisory>

Thank you for your patience as we work through this difficult time as a city and as a community. Please check the City’s website for any updates. And lastly, please do your part to slow and prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Sincerely,

**Bobby Cartwright, Mayor**  
City of Lovejoy