

Responding to COVID-19

A Virtual Town Hall for Residents

March 25, 2020

Candler Park
Downtown
INMAN PARK
Old Fourth Ward
Midtown
Poncey-Highland

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We will get through this.

Georgia COVID-19 Hotline

1-844-442-2681

Program

- 5:00-5:30pm – Welcome and Update
 - What has government done to date?
 - Federal/State
 - APS
 - Jason Esteves, Chair, School Board, Atlanta Public Schools
 - City
 - Parks
 - Solid Waste/Water
 - Planning/Building
 - Other
- 5:30-6:15pm – Your Questions

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What has the Federal government done?

PROSPECTIVE STIMULUS: Senate => House

- Congress working on \$2 trillion stimulus bill, not yet ratified yet
- Checks to be sent directly to you:
 - \$500 for most children
 - \$600-1,200 per individual (\$1,200 for those with [2018] incomes below \$75,000, or combined income below \$150,000 for married couples that filed taxes jointly)
- \$600 increase in weekly federal unemployment insurance benefits for four months
- \$500 billion lending program for industries, cities, and states*
- \$367 billion in loans to small businesses*
 - *Loans may not go to firms controlled by the President or members of Congress
- \$50 billion in aid to airlines
- \$130 billion for hospitals
- \$150 billion for state and local emergency aid

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What has State government done?

- The Georgia Department of Driver Services will give extensions for driver's licenses and state identification cards that expire between now and June 30.
- All of Georgia's 6.9 million active voters will be mailed absentee ballot request forms for the May 19 primary.

Governor Kemp has used emergency powers to:

- Close all school systems through the end of the March
- Issue a "shelter in place" order to people living in long-term care facilities, those exposed to the virus, or residents with compromised immune systems (effective through April 6th)
- Shut down bars and nightclubs for 14 days
- Ban gatherings of 10+ people unless 6-foot separation at all times.



Jason Esteves
Chair, School Board
Atlanta Public Schools
jesteves@atlantapublicschools.us

What has the City done?

- Stay-at-Home Order in effect now through April 6.
 - Everyone must stay home unless going to grocery store, healthcare, picking up food, outdoor exercise (w/ social distancing), anything for health and safety of family.
 - Only essential businesses can remain open:
 - Healthcare
 - Grocery stores/farmer's markets
 - Hotels
 - Media
 - Gas stations/auto repair
 - Banks
 - Hardware stores
 - Plumbers, electricians, HVAC, etc. for safe sanitary building operation needs
 - USPS/UPS/FedEx, etc.
 - Dry cleaner/Laundromats
 - Schools...for distance learning
 - Restaurants...for carry out/delivery
 - Childcare
 - Professional service firms

Atlanta, Stay Home.

THE FOLLOWING ESSENTIAL BUSINESSES
AND AMENITIES WILL REMAIN

OPEN



Grocery Stores



Healthcare Providers

INCLUDING PHARMACIES, DOCTORS' AND DENTISTS' OFFICES, CLINICS,
URGENT CARE CENTERS, REHABILITATION FACILITIES AND PHYSICAL
THERAPISTS



Financial Institutions

INCLUDING BANKS AND CREDIT UNIONS



Gas Stations & Car Repair



Restaurants

FOR TAKEOUT, DELIVERY AND DRIVE THROUGH ONLY



Parks & Trails

TO GO FOR A WALK OR TO WALK YOUR DOG. DO NOT PLAY GROUP SPORTS,
HAVE PICNICS OR ANY OTHER ACTIVITIES THAT PUT YOU IN CLOSE CONTACT
WITH OTHERS (ALWAYS STAY SIX FEET APART)

Questions or concerns about the Stay at Home Order?

Email StayAtHome@AtlantaGa.gov

A member of the Mayor's team will respond.

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What has the City done?

- NO DINE-IN EATING:
 - Take-out and delivery only
 - *Alcohol is permissible by take-out (but cannot be delivered via delivery services)
- Temporary moratorium on evictions for government-funded or -run properties
- Halted termination of water services for 60 days, effective 3/11
- \$7M Emergency Fund
 - Child food programs (\$1m), senior food programs (\$1m), homeless preparedness (\$1m), small business continuity (\$1.5m), technology for city workers to telework (\$1m), assistance for hourly wage earners at businesses contracted with the city (\$1.5m)
- Annual business license renewal deadline postponed from April 1 to June 1.

Parks & Beltline

- City Parks and Beltline remain open
- Sports facilities are closed: swimming pools, golf courses, basketball courts, gyms, etc.
- City trying to promote 6-foot social distancing
- Will reevaluate this week

City of Atlanta Department of Parks and Recreation

Do Your Part While in Our Parks

Practice **Social Distancing** to help prevent the spread of **COVID-19**
Playgrounds, all courts (basketball, tennis, volleyball) and pavilions are CLOSED

	If you are exhibiting symptoms, do not use parks or trails
	No Group Gatherings
	Keep hands clean and sanitized
	Keep 6 feet apart from other persons at all times
	Please dispose of all trash and litter appropriately
	Team sports (such as basketball, softball, football, soccer) not permitted at this time
	Follow CDC guidance on personal hygiene prior to visiting parks or trails

Be Smart. Stay Safe. #socialdistancing
Be sure to check **ATL Parks and Rec** on Facebook, Twitter and www.atlantaga.gov for additional temporary closures.



Solid Waste/Water/Public Safety

- Solid waste services continue – no changes to regular service or bulk pickup (call 311)
- Water services continue – no changes to regular service
- Police and Fire services continue – no changes to regular service

City Planning

- Construction can continue under Mayor's Executive Order. But many services are halted.

DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING COVID-19 RESPONSE

FRIDAY, MARCH 20

OPERATIONAL STATUS UPDATE

INFORMATION IS CHANGING RAPIDLY. PLEASE CHECK ATLANTA.GOV FOR UPDATES AND CURRENT ADVISORIES



CITY HALL IS CLOSED

UPDATES ON PERMITTING PROCEDURES

Submission of new plans is temporarily suspended for all offices. We are working to phase back in our operations and address the specific needs of each project. This is being done as we implement remote working and social distancing to limit the spread of COVID-19.

This does not apply to applications currently accepted through Accela Citizen Access, by email or by phone which are referenced in this update.

We will be moving our operations to **electronic submission**, routing, review, and approval as quickly as possible.

Check our homepage for more updates:
www.bit.ly/atplanning
@atplanning on Instagram and Twitter

CANCELLED UPCOMING PUBLIC MEETINGS

- Tree Conservation Commission (March)
- Board of Zoning Appeals (April)
- Urban Design Commission (March)
- Zoning Review Board (April)

In the meantime...

All fees invoiced by DCP are now **payable online**.

Certificate of Occupancy or **Certificate of Completions** will be emailed to applicants upon request and confirmation of all final project approvals.

For all paper-based projects currently in the review process, we are assessing all options to initiate, continue, and hand off approvals (both internally and externally) given the closure of City Hall. Please understand *there may be a delay while we transition to a remote environment* for these projects. Until further notice, **pickup of approved permits and plans is on hold** until we can determine the best, safest method of transfer.

Where revisions are required, we will accept those digitally via the associated plan review email address (many listed on next page). *Please note:* City email can currently only accept files smaller than 25MB. We are actively coordinating with our IT department, AIM, to implement a way to accommodate larger files.

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ONLINE PERMITTING OPTIONS

As a reminder, the following applications can be applied for today in Accela Citizens Access, by email, or over the phone. All applications are available online and can be filled out digitally. City email can accept files up to 25MB. We're looking into other options to accommodate larger files.

via Accela Citizens Access

www.aca3.accela.com/ATLANTA_GA

- **Arborist:** Dead, Dying or Hazardous, Complaint
- **Building Code Complaints**
- **Trades (MEP)**
- **Fire Sprinkler** (with mailed-in plans)
- **Temporary Noise Variance**
- **Concept Review Committee**

via Email

- **Arborist Complaints and Illegal Activity:** arborist.dpcd@atlantaga.gov
- **Arborist appeals:** treeappeal@atlantaga.gov
- **Requests for Addresses:** addressing@atlantaga.gov
- **Zoning Verification Letters:** zoningverification@atlantaga.gov

A PHASED APPROACH TO RESTORING OPERATIONS

Here's how we are working on phasing our current operations. Phase 1 would be the quickest to become available with Phases 2 and 3 to follow. Stay tuned for more details.

PHASE 1: AVAILABLE FIRST

- Express permits**
- Sign permits**
- Outdoor Events**
- UDC:** All staff-reviewed

Intergovernmental Projects

- Commercial:** All Alterations (tenant buildout, whitebox), Additions (less than 5Ksqft), Demolitions, Repairs, Pools, Conversions/Changes of use, Non-structural, Solar PV
- General repairs:** Zoning for exterior changes

PHASE 2: AVAILABLE NEXT

- All residential permits**
- Subdivision:** Consolidation, Replats, Zero Lot Lines, Lot of Record
- BZA:** Appeal, Special Exceptions, Variances
- SAP:** Signage, Revisions of previously approved SAPs, special or outdoor events, vending on private property
- ZRB:** Rezonings, Special Use, CDP, MRPA, Special Permit
- Arborist:** Landscape Plan Review
- Fire Underground**
- Site Development**

PHASE 3: AVAILABLE THIRD*

- SAP:** Beltline, cell tower, QOL, SPI
- Subdivision:** Lot Split, Plan Development
- UDC:** Committee reviewed
- Commercial:** Additions (over 5Ksqft, larger files), Land Development, Structural
- All Multi-family**
- Alterations involving fire assembly,** site, and grease traps

*TIMELINES TBD. WE ARE WORKING AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE TO RESTORE SERVICE TO ATLANTA.

Again, thank you for your continued patience in these challenging times. We appreciate your flexibility and understanding as we adjust our operations to maintain service to the residents of Atlanta.

WASH YOUR HANDS, STAY HOME, STAY SAFE.
ATLANTA LOVES YOU.



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CHECK IN WITH YOUR NETWORK AND NEIGHBORS.
WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER, ATLANTA.



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Homeless

- Partners for Home is leading City coordination: www.partnersforhome.org/covid/
- City approved \$1M dedicated to homelessness + COVID-19

TESTING/TRANSPORT

- Mercy Care leading creation of community-based testing sites; Grady to process tests
- Development of isolation units for individuals to wait while awaiting test results
- Dedicated transport for individuals with symptoms or are positive

ISOLATION

- Working to secure hotel rooms/dormitories to create dedicated isolation beds for symptomatic and positive COVID-19 individuals who are also experiencing homelessness
- Two+ hotels (at least 173 beds) have been identified and one university (up to 500+ beds)

OUTREACH

- Outreach teams divided by police beats to ensure comprehensive coverage
- Two phased approach:
 - Education/flyering at all known encampments and all unsheltered
 - Screening, testing and transport once access is stood up

Resources

- Follow these government agencies for updates and actions on COVID-19: CDC, GA Department of Public Health, City of Atlanta, Atlanta Public Schools
- Sign up to receive notifications about upcoming Neighborhood Planning Unit (NPU) meetings and meeting cancellations:
 - Most neighborhood meetings have been cancelled but some are exploring holding virtual meetings
- Call 911 in an emergency.
- For non-emergency issues, contact 311.
 - At this time, with many 311 call operators working remotely, please consider using online and social media options: www.ATL311.com; @ATL311; or the ATL311 phone app.

What I've heard from you

- Concern about crowds
- Concern about insufficient action by government
- Confusion over what the emergency rules are

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Chat

Raise Hand

Q&A

Let's talk.

What's on your mind?

Stay home.

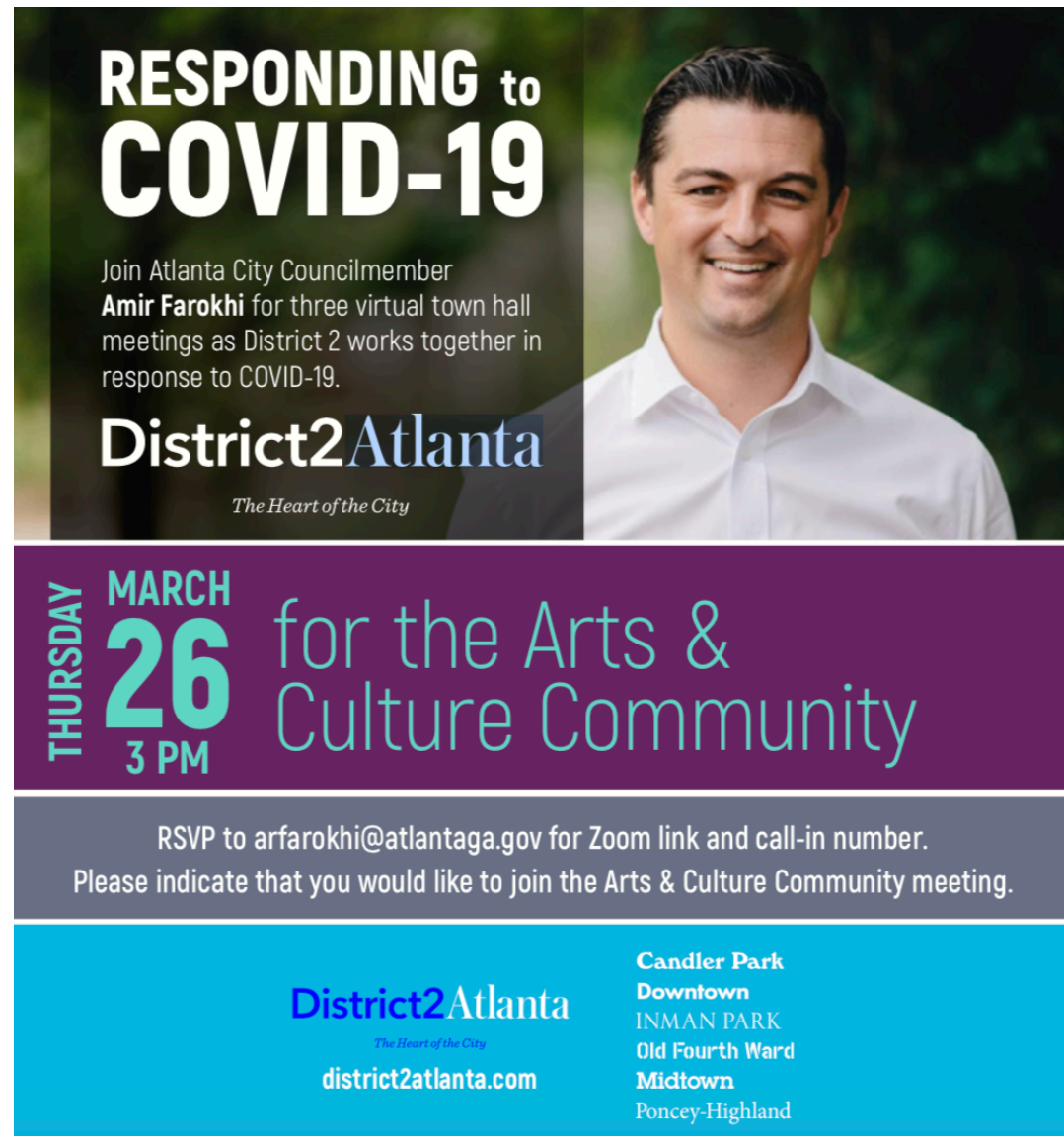
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THANK YOU.
Take care of yourselves.
Look out for each other.

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404-330-6038



RESPONDING to COVID-19

Join Atlanta City Councilmember **Amir Farokhi** for three virtual town hall meetings as District 2 works together in response to COVID-19.

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THURSDAY MARCH 26 3 PM for the Arts & Culture Community

RSVP to arfarokhi@atlantaga.gov for Zoom link and call-in number.
Please indicate that you would like to join the Arts & Culture Community meeting.

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