



**City of Tuscaloosa Update**  
**Coronavirus (COVID-19)**  
**March 17, 2020**

As I have stated through this crisis, my first responsibility is ensuring the safety of every person in Tuscaloosa.

We are in unprecedented times that are requiring unprecedented actions.

I realize these actions are hard, with deep consequences, and it weighs heavily on me.

These actions are also necessary because they have a measurable track record of results.

For Tuscaloosa, results will mean saving lives, reducing sickness and shortening the duration of fear.

On the frontlines are our medical providers, first responders, social service agencies, churches and countless citizens placing service above self. To all of you, you inspire.

Since January, Chief Smith has been organizing the City to meet this moment which led to the activation of our Incident Command on February 28.

Thanks to the efforts of our City employees, I believe we countered chaos with calm courage. Moving forward, we will not be perfect, but we will be relentless in protecting our families and our community.

I have a few updates that I want to share with you:

- I have extended the cancellation of permits and events within the City and in our facilities, rights-of-way and/or assets from April 6 through April 30.
  - This includes the cancellation and/or rescheduling of all amphitheater shows and Mayors Cup - We will have more details in the near future.



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- City Hall will continue to be open, but in the days ahead, we will be restricting access and reducing entry points.
- Incident Command will be relocated to the Tuscaloosa Amphitheater.

### **ADPH Announcement**

- The order applies to Jefferson, Tuscaloosa, Walker, Blount, St. Clair and Shelby counties, but other counties have been advised to follow the same guidelines.
- ADPH is prohibiting gatherings of 25 or more people, or where a six-foot distance cannot be maintained. Bars, restaurants and breweries cannot serve food or drink on-site for one week. The restaurant restrictions begin at 5 p.m. today and will last a week
- Effective at 5 p.m. Tuesday and until April 6, gatherings of more than 25 people are prohibited.
- Effective Wednesday, March 18 and until April 6, all senior citizen activity centers will be closed.
- Effective at the close of school or business on Wednesday, March 18, all private schools, pre-schools and childcare centers with 12 or more children must close.
- Exemptions include hospital childcare centers.
- Nursing home facilities cannot have visitors, effective immediately.

Officials will review the situation and could move up or extend the April 6 date.

Our Nation has been called to act – It is an American moment, and Tuscaloosa will not fail – This community doesn't know how to – We will meet this moment and not be defined by it.



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