



## PRESS RELEASE

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### **City of Cumming Extends Public Closures, Suspension of Programs**

CUMMING, Ga. – Due to continued recommendations for social distancing in order to help prevent the spread of Covid-19, the City of Cumming has extended the suspension of all Recreation programs and closure of all City-owned and operated facilities to the public.

All City of Cumming facilities will now remain closed to the public through April 10, 2020. Suspension of all City of Cumming Recreation & Parks programs and activities has been extended through April 26, 2020.

During the extended closures, City of Cumming employees will still report to work whenever possible and continue to conduct City business via telephone and/or email while practicing social distancing, stringent handwashing, and other good hygiene measures while at work.

These guidelines, which were adopted during the initial public restriction period, will still remain in place through April 10, 2020:

1. All departments will remain staffed and operational, but City business will be conducted by phone and electronically. Public access to City buildings will be restricted to appointments only and to absolutely necessary in-person meetings. Contact information will be posted at all locations and on the City's news page along with other Covid-19 information ([www.cityofcumming.net/news](http://www.cityofcumming.net/news)).
2. All in-person meetings are to be changed to phone or video conferencing, if at all possible.
3. Citizen contact points will remain open via phone, email and the City's Website ([www.cityofcumming.net/ask-a-question](http://www.cityofcumming.net/ask-a-question)).
4. All Cumming Utility payments can be paid by phone, online or in the Utilities Night Deposit Box, located in the City Hall parking lot, across from the main entrance doors.

The City of Cumming Recreation Department will announce updated plans the week of April 20-24. Recreation programs and activities will resume from the point in their schedules that they were

interrupted after the City of Cumming has deemed it safe to return, with the exception of the Spring Youth Basketball League, which has been cancelled.

Registration for future sessions of the Recreation Department's gymnastics, dance, drama, and art programs and classes will be postponed until a resolution of the current situation is reached. FitPasses will be frozen at their current status and will be reinstated with the resumption of programs.

In addition, all facility rentals during the time of suspension of Recreation programs will be cancelled and no new facility rentals will be accepted requesting dates earlier than May 18, 2020. Facility rentals already booked for the foreseeable future are urged to consider alternative dates outside the window of program suspensions (now March 27, 2020 to April 26, 2020).

City leaders will continue monitoring the Covid-19 situation and any changes to this schedule will be posted as soon as possible to the City's news page ([www.cityofcumming.net/news](http://www.cityofcumming.net/news)) and the City's Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/CummingCityHall](https://www.facebook.com/CummingCityHall)). Recreation Department information will also be posted on the department website ([www.crpdonline.com](http://www.crpdonline.com)) and Facebook page.

The City of Cumming apologizes for any inconvenience, and thanks our patrons for their patience during this unprecedented time in history.

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