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City of Athens closing its facilities to the public

City of Athens offices are adhering to the Alabama Dept. of Public Health's COVID-19 protocols stressing social distancing by closing its facilities to the public effective March 20.

Athens Mayor Ronnie Marks will continue to coordinate with Limestone EMA on the need to amend these protocols.

"This is not an easy decision to make, but it is necessary in order to limit exposure for our employees and citizens during this ever-evolving pandemic," Marks said. "We must continue to work together as a community to follow safety protocols, call and check on our neighbors, and pray for guidance."

Employees will be working, and each department is offering ways for citizens to remotely access employees, information, and forms.

The City's website is www.athensal.us which lists contact information for each department as well as information on payments, forms, and services.

Each city building will have a note on the door listing contact information for that department. The Athens Police Department will utilize a speaker and camera at the front entrance to determine whether to grant a person access to its building.

City of Athens phone numbers

Utilities Customer Accounts	256-233-8750
Water Services	256-262-1440
Gas Department	256-232-1440
Electric Dept	256-232-1440
One Stop Shop	256-262-1525
Athens Municipal Court	256-233-8733
Building Department	256-233-8715
Cemetery Department	256-233-8743
City Clerk	256-233-8720
E&CD	256-233-2224
Fire & Rescue	256-233-8710
Fire Prevention Bureau	256-233-8723
GIS	256-233-2224
Human Resources	256-233-8737
Mayor's Office	256-233-8730
Parks & Recreation	256-233-8740
Police Department	256-233-8700
Sanitation Department	256-233-8747
Street Department	256-233-8747

The City of Athens cannot by state law close public meetings but is offering options to view them online by live stream and to call in during the public comment and public hearing portions of the meetings. The live stream link and the number to call will be online at www.athensal.us and on social media. In addition, the number to call will be announced during the meeting.

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Based on the State Health Officer issuing a statewide health order on March 19 that suspends public gatherings of 25 or more in a single room, the audience cannot exceed 25 people.

Citizens who meet these criteria will be prohibited from attending meetings:

- Persons who have been, within the last 14 days, in any area identified by the CDC as subject to a Level 3 Travel Health Notice or as a place of “Widespread sustained spread and restrictions on travel to the United States,” see <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html> This list may update.
- Persons who reside or have had close contact with someone who has been in one of the areas listed above within the last 14 days.
- Persons who have been asked to self-quarantine by any doctor, hospital or health agency.
- Persons who have been diagnosed with or have had contact with anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 or the flu.
- Persons who have a fever 100.4 degrees or higher, cough, have trouble breathing, or are obviously unwell, and have not been free of those conditions for 48 hours.

Citizens can stay updated on City of Athens protocols related to the Limestone County Pandemic Standard Operating Guidelines through these options:

- City of Athens, Alabama (Public Relations) on Facebook.
- City of Athens website at www.athensal.us and look for the updates link on the homepage under “Athens News.”
- Sign up for Nixle alerts at <https://local.nixle.com/register/> and follow “City of Athens and Utilities.”