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**City of Decatur Municipal Government Update – Monday, May 4**

At the time of our update, there have been 74 confirmed cases within Morgan County.

As we continue to practice social distancing, please remember that any business conducted at City Hall should be done on an appointment-only basis, with the exception of the Police Department.

Please remember to continue diligently adhering to the public health guidelines we’ve received to continue flattening the curve.

**Public Safety Update**

The Decatur Police Department and Decatur Fire & Rescue are continuing to respond to calls and emergencies, as normal.

If you feel that you have COVID-19 symptoms and need to call 911, please make sure to tell our dispatchers so that our first responders can take appropriate safety precautions.

**Departmental Updates**

As expected, the City, like municipalities across the nation, is experiencing revenue losses. Thankfully, Congress has approved stimulus funding for expenses specific to COVID-19. While we are thankful for the federal assistance, our revenue losses will cause long-term challenges, while our COVID-19 expenses are minimal. We continue to work with our Congressional leadership to assist local governments with funding for revenue losses.

Garbage routes continue to run on their regular routes.

The Household Chemical Collection Day is canceled for Saturday, May 9. We hope to this service back in June.

If you haven’t already done so, please complete your census. This is crucial for our state to receive the allocations and funding our communities

The City of Decatur’s recycling program is temporarily suspended. If you would like your recyclables discarded, please place them in the garbage container with regular garbage, which will be collected on your regular garbage collection day.

Decatur Parks & Recreation has temporarily closed all playgrounds. Public athletic courts are temporarily closed. Trails remain open, but we want to remind residents to follow social distancing guidelines, if they do choose to get some fresh air at one of these locations.