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**City of Decatur Municipal Government Update – Friday, March 20**

As we enter into a new phase of this pandemic, the Public Health Officer, along with the Governor for the State of Alabama, has issued a Public Health Order and released a new list of stringent containment policies for communities to follow to combat the COVID-19 pandemic.

These include: full school closures, senior center closures, preschool and childcare closures, nursing home restrictions, delayed elective-medical procedures, limited gatherings of no more than 25 persons, bar/brewery closures, and no on premise consumption of food and beverages in restaurants.

The Alabama Department of Public Health has determined these precautions are necessary and we will follow their guidance.

Decatur residents should remain calm but must take coronavirus seriously.

We, as your municipal government, will keep you informed as we received further information and updates.