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**City of Decatur Municipal Government Update – Monday, May 18**

At the time of our update, there have been 116 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.

While we are now in a new phase of the ADPH’s public health order, it is now more imperative than ever that we continue to safe practices and follow the CDC guidelines given to us. Let’s decrease our numbers together.

**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**

Garbage routes continue to run on their regular routes.

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. As of Tuesday, May 12, in compliance with the Safer at Home Order, the following facilities will open:

* Aquadome
* TC Almon
* Jimmy Johns Tennis Center
* All Outdoor Public Tennis Courts

These facilities will open with limited operation hours and restricted activities. Procedures have been put in place to ensure the safety of our patrons and staff members. All listed facility use and activities will be by reservation only at this time, with the exception of the outdoor public tennis courts.

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.