



NEWS FROM CITY HALL

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City of Sanford Takes Precautionary Measures Regarding Coronavirus/COVID-19

The City of Sanford is taking the threat of the Coronavirus very seriously as this is a rapidly evolving situation. We are actively monitoring all levels of government communications, from Federal, State, County and fellow Municipalities. Since the situation is changing rapidly, closures and cancellations are subject to change and/or may be extended based on new and updated information received.

Based on recommendations from the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#), [Florida Department of Health](#) the lead agency regarding Coronavirus/COVID-19 in Florida, and in close consultation with the [Seminole County Office of Emergency Management](#), the City of Sanford provides the following temporary closures and cancellations, effective immediately:

Events

The City of Sanford is cancelling all special events scheduled through April 30, 2020. The Parks and Recreation Department is not accepting or reviewing any event applications at this time.

Programs/Activities/Leagues and Classes

All programs, activities, leagues and classes will be suspended as of Tuesday, March 17, 2020 until further notice.

The remainder of Class 15 Citizens Academy Classes are cancelled. The City of Sanford will be looking to reschedule the classes in the near future.

Rentals and City Facilities

Rentals of all City facilities and Park Pavilions are now cancelled through April 30, 2020. City facilities closed through April 30 include: Sanford Civic Center, Monroe Hall, Sanford Museum, Shuffleboard Club, Historic Sanford Memorial Stadium, Chase Park, Larry A. Dale Aquatic Center, Westside Community Center, Sanford Senior Center, Pinehurst Park, Bettye D. Smith Cultural Arts Center and the Splash Pad located at FT. Mellon Park.

Please note Primary Voting will take place on Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at the Historic Sanford Memorial Stadium, the Sanford Civic Center and the Westside Community Center. These facilities will then close Wednesday, March 18, 2020 until further notice.

Parks

All Sanford parks will remain open at this time. Sanford Parks and Recreation staff strongly recommends all users exercise extra caution when in any public area.

Public Meetings

Meetings are scheduled as planned; however the City is reviewing this on a daily basis.

Utilities

Utility Customer Service is suspending disconnections for non-paying customers in order to deliver essential services. For more information regarding payments and payment arrangements, contact Utility Customer Service at 407-688-5100 or utilitycustomerservice@sanfordfl.gov, Monday-Thursday, 7:00am-5:30pm and Friday 8:00am-1:00pm.

Transportation

Choo Choo To The Zoo – Cancelled due to the temporary closure of the Central Florida Zoo amid Coronavirus (COVID-19) concerns.

Stay Connected

Visit City of Sanford Social Media [Nextdoor](#), [Facebook](#), and [Twitter](#), to stay informed.

We highly recommend our customers consider utilizing City of Sanford online services for Permitting and for Utility bill pay at www.sanfordfl.gov

Prevention

The City of Sanford recommends following the Center for Disease Control guidelines:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze, then discard the tissue.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick. If you are sick, stay home and practice "social distancing."

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