

Town Hall Meeting

Tuesday, March 17, 2020



CDC RECOMMENDED GUIDELINES

- Eliminate mass gatherings
- Identify vulnerable populations
- Promote daily practice of everyday preventive actions.
- Stay home when sick
- Cover coughs, reduce handshakes
- Wash hands often (20 seconds)
- Hand sanitizers (at least 60% alcohol)
- Clean frequently touched surfaces
- Avoid touching eyes, nose, mouth

Keeping the workplace safe
Encourage your employees to...

Practice good hygiene

- Stop handshaking – use other noncontact methods of greeting
- Clean hands at the door and schedule regular hand washing reminders by email
- Create habits and reminders to avoid touching their faces and cover coughs and sneezes
- Disinfect surfaces like doorknobs, tables, desks, and handrails regularly
- Increase ventilation by opening windows or adjusting air conditioning

Be careful with meetings and travel

- Use videoconferencing for meetings when possible
- When not possible, hold meetings in open, well-ventilated spaces
- Consider adjusting or postponing large meetings or gatherings
- Assess the risks of business travel

Handle food carefully

- Limit food sharing
- Strengthen health screening for cafeteria staff and their close contacts
- Ensure cafeteria staff and their close contacts practice strict hygiene

Stay home if...

- They are feeling sick
- They have a sick family member in their home

What every American and community can do now to decrease the spread of the coronavirus

AL DEPT. OF PUBLIC HEALTH

- No mass gatherings, less than 50 and 6-foot distance
- Senior adults or immuno compromised should avoid gatherings of 10+
- For retail business, including restaurants, limit patronage at any one time to 50% of the normally allowable capacity.
- Restaurants should maintain a six-foot distance between tables.
- Public buildings should consider whether visitation may be limited. (Hospitals, nursing homes and assisted living)
- All persons should consider whether out-of-state travel plans may be delayed or cancelled.
- Participants in religious services or events, weddings, funerals and family events should exercise prudence and maintain consistent six-foot distance between participants if possible.

ADPH offers new recommendations regarding public gatherings in response to COVID-19

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In response to the increasing number of positive cases of COVID-19 in Alabama, The Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) is making the following recommendations concerning public gatherings, food establishment and other retail venues, and businesses:

- No mass gatherings of 50 persons or more, or gatherings of any size that cannot maintain a consistent six-foot distance between participants (with exceptions noted below). This may include festivals, parades, assemblies, or sporting events.
- Senior adults or those with chronic health problems should avoid gatherings (outside of close family) of 10 or more persons, and should avoid travel by air, train or bus.
- For retail business, including restaurants, limit patronage at any one time to 50% of the normally allowable capacity. Restaurants should maintain a six-foot distance between tables.
- Public buildings should consider whether visitation may be limited. Hospitals, nursing homes and assisted living facilities are encouraged to implement visitation policies that protect vulnerable persons.
- All persons should consider whether out-of-state travel plans may be delayed or cancelled.
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While workplaces should attempt to heed to these recommendations whenever possible, it is understood that exceptions may be needed for essential government functions, municipal and state legislative bodies, and health care facilities including clinics, hospitals and pharmacies. Consider using means for electronic or video meetings in workplaces if possible.

ADPH continues to work with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and other agencies to provide guidance regarding COVID-19. To help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses including COVID-19, the public is urged to continue practicing social distancing and other precautionary measures, including:

- Wash hands with soap and water.
- Use alcohol-based hand sanitizers if handwashing is not possible.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue, or cough or sneeze into your elbow.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Stay home when sick.
- Stay away from people who are sick.

WHAT ARE WE DOING?

A fine line...

- The beaches in Orange Beach are state beaches and are not ours to close. That will be a state decision.
- There is already an alcohol ban on state beaches.
- No large gatherings on the beach and dispersing crowds as best we can.

WHAT ARE WE DOING?

- Working with restaurants and all businesses to be socially responsible.
- Share the burden short term to preserve our health and economy long term.
- Limited seating, outdoor eating, take out, modifying and / or eliminating salad bars and buffets.
- Support local restaurants and minimize crowds at grocery stores.
- Encouraging bars to shift customers outside, if possible

WHAT ARE WE DOING?

- Don't stockpile. We discourage hoarding. Remember you're actually taking from your neighbor.
- Please be wary of lines.
- Be courteous of elderly and let them skip ahead to lines.
- We're encouraging all businesses to set aside time for those 65 and over.

CITY SERVICES

- All of our police and firemen are on duty and working. Please be courteous, if you have symptoms and tell them ahead of time.
- City offices will remain open but the public is encouraged to handle as much business as possible via phone or online. Maximize distance and limit contact. Modifying lobbies. Advise every business to do the same.

CITY SERVICES

- Until further notice, the Orange Beach Recreation Center and Aquatics Center have stopped all new memberships, day passes and guests of members. All fitness and aquatics classes will still be open to members and holders of prepaid punch cards.
- Recreation league play has been postponed indefinitely.

SENIORS IN NEED

- Compiling a list of elderly homebound, health-compromised citizens of Orange Beach.
- Helping with errands.
- Reaching out to our church families and other faith-based organizations, such as Christian Service Center, to help provide assistance.
- If you know of anyone that needs help, please contact the mayor's office at 251-981-6810.

CHILDCARE

Following President Trump's guidance, states and localities that close schools need to address childcare needs of critical responders, as well as the nutritional needs of children. Following that guidance, the city is offering ...

- Childcare for first responders and city employees.
(Ex. Postal workers)
- Childcare for working residents.
- Evaluating how nutritional needs of all kids will be met.
- Seeking nurse to be on site to monitor children's health.

CHILDCARE

- Camp Sunshine (kindergarten through 2nd grade)
- Expect Excellence (3rd through 6th grade)
- 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., March 18th to April 3rd

- Individual choice: Risk vs. Reward.
- We don't want to eliminate people's choices. Especially those who have no choice.

TESTING

- The city is prepared to support the AL Dept. of Public Health in setting up testing sites.



CITY OF ORANGE BEACH

Expect Excellence

Academics, Arts & Athletics for Children & Youth

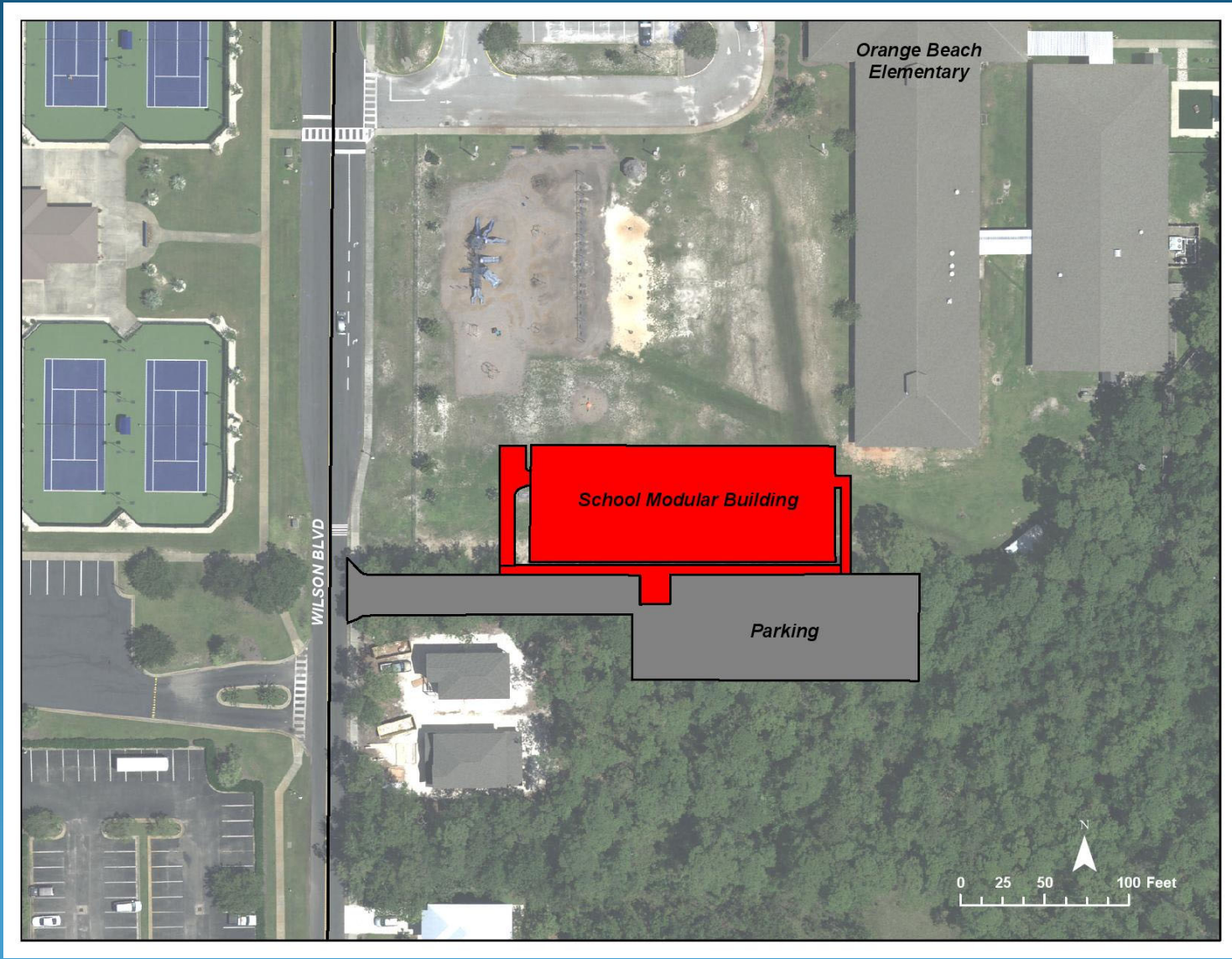
CAMP SUNSHINE



**CITY OF ORANGE BEACH
PARKS AND RECREATION**

New facilities and space constraints





Orange Beach Elementary

School Modular Building

Parking

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Future of the City's Childcare programs Camp Sunshine and Expect Excellence

Questions?

