



**NEWS RELEASE**  
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## **NORCROSS JOINS COUNTY-WIDE ADOPTION OF “STAY AT HOME” ORDER**

Effective last night, the City of Norcross is under a “Stay at Home” order.

**NORCROSS (GWINNETT COUNTY), GA (March 31, 2020)** – At last night’s special called council meeting, the City of Norcross adopted a “Stay at Home” order effective from 11:59 p.m. on Monday, March 30, 2020 through 11:59 p.m. on Monday, April 27, 2020, unless extended. Joining similar orders issued Friday by Gwinnett County and its 15 other cities, the “Stay at Home” order urges citizens to limit movements outside of their homes beyond essential needs.

Officials from each government, who have been in constant communications since the beginning of this crisis, agreed Friday to adopt this ordinance in concert with one another in order to ensure maximum effectiveness in the mission to slow the spread of COVID-19 and preserve the community’s capacity to provide essential governmental and healthcare services. The City of Norcross was among those to agree, though official acceptance of the order pended formal approval by the city’s mayor and council at Monday night’s special called meeting.

“While likely not a surprise,” stated Mayor Craig Newton, “there is an unfortunate increase in COVID-19 diagnosed tests in our county. Our municipality, in concert with all Gwinnett cities and the county, recognize that additional steps are required to “flatten the curve” in our community. We hope you will take courage from our commitment to lessening the spread of the virus, and have faith that—if we all can do our part—we will be on the other side of this soon enough.”

According to the order:

### **RESIDENTS SHALL NOT**

- Leave their place of residence except for Essential Activities, Essential Government Functions or to operate Essential Businesses as defined in the order
- Hold public or private gatherings of any number of people occurring outside a household or living unit
- Travel except to perform Essential Activities, Essential Government Functions or to operate Essential Businesses as defined in the order

Residents are encouraged to check with their employer to determine if they have been deemed an Essential Business.

### **RESIDENTS MAY LEAVE THEIR PLACE OF RESIDENCE ONLY TO**

- Obtain medical supplies or medication, or obtain supplies needed to work from home
- Obtain food, including take-out and drive-thru, supplies and any other household consumer products necessary to maintain the safety, sanitation and essential operation of residences
- Engage in outdoor activity, provided the individuals comply with social distancing requirements of six feet or more, such as walking, hiking, running or bicycling
- Care for a family member or pet in another household
- Obtain healthcare service, including veterinary care for pets (this does not include fitness and exercise gyms, fitness studios and similar facilities)
- Help someone obtain necessary supplies
- Receive deliveries from any business which delivers

### **BUSINESSES SHALL NOT**

- Operate except for Essential Businesses as defined by the order
- Operate business functions except for minimum basic operations outlined in the Emergency Order

Residents and businesses are encouraged to carefully review the definitions outlined in the “Stay at Home Order Defined” document that can be found attached. The Norcross Police Department is authorized to enforce the Stay at Home Order along with the previous orders outlined by the City of Norcross and by Governor Brian Kemp. Any questions should be directed to [stayhome@norcrossga.net](mailto:stayhome@norcrossga.net).

For the most up to date information on the city’s response to COVID-19, visit [NORCROSSGA.NET/COVID19](http://NORCROSSGA.NET/COVID19).

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### **ABOUT THE CITY OF NORCROSS**

Incorporated in 1870, the city of Norcross has been very busy securing a solid standing as both an eco-conscious community and world-class art district in the nearly century and a half since. Voted Gwinnett County’s “Best Arts & Cultural Scene” by Gwinnett Magazine, Norcross has become well known for its unconventional public arts projects. Norcross was recognized by the Atlanta Regional Commission as one of only three Platinum-Certified Green Communities in the region and was named a “Best Green Government” by Gwinnett Clean & Beautiful and “Tree City USA” by The Arbor Day Foundation. The Sustainable Norcross Commission has earned regional applause for its efforts to spearhead the City’s local pro-environment practices. The city’s famed tree canopy, 13 parks and more than 31 acres of beautifully maintained public green space serve as popular gathering spaces for residents and visitors alike. A jam-packed calendar of events and eclectic collection of shops and restaurants serve to keep the historic downtown area bustling year-round. Creative souls from all walks of life are encouraged to “come unwind” and enjoy the positive energy that earns Norcross its reputation as “a place to imagine.”

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