

# CITY OF LYONS

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## Press Release

COVID-19 Press Release Update

March 26, 2020

For Immediate Release:

Mayor Willis NeSmith Jr. announces the following:

The postponement of all recreation activities is extended through April 12, 2020. Further, the availability of City-owned rental facilities is suspended. Future schedule changes and updates will be sent to the public as information becomes available. The Mayor, City Manager, and Recreation Director are continually evaluating the COVID-19 Situation and how it will affect the 2020 Recreation Sports Season. Mayor NeSmith believes our recreation department is a vital part of our social and mental health. At this time, the passive sections of Partin Park are available to the public, however social distancing and gathering limits must be followed. If you have questions, feel free to contact Lyons Recreation Department via phone, email, or social media.

While the City will continue with daily operations, we must also realize the effect the COVID-19 can have on our citizens, visitors, and our staff. The Mayor also urges all citizens to limit contact to an as-needed basis. Although there are no confirmed cases in Toombs County at this time, each person must be diligent in our efforts and adhere to state mandates. To ensure the health and welfare of fellow residents and City employees, we ask that anyone who is ill avoid visiting public places. If you have a concern that can be communicated via phone rather than in person at City Hall, Lyons Police Department, Lyons Recreation Department, or Lyons Public Works Department, please do so. Utility payments, as well as most financial transactions, can also be made online via our website ([www.lyonsga.org](http://www.lyonsga.org)) as well as by using our drop box located behind City Hall. The City is committed to making sure water, sewer, and solid waste services will continue without interruption.

The City continues to communicate with employees concerning protocols to encourage preventive actions. The Mayor also urges Citizens to follow these CDC's guidelines

The CDC has advised:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom, before eating and after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing.
- Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol if the soap is not available.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using regular household cleaning sprays or wipes.
- Stay home if you feel sick.

Other actions you cant take to make a difference:

- Limit your visits to public places
- Support local businesses by using the drive-through or delivery services
- Refrain from flushing wet wipe/or paper towels as these may cause sewer backups and cause issues for your household and those around you.
- Share this information on your social media outlets
- Check on the elderly population via phone.