

City of Myrtle Beach Actions Taken to Date



March 13, 2020

- President Trump declared a National Emergency
- Governor McMaster declared a State of Emergency

March 14, 2020

- City of Myrtle Beach declared a state of emergency
- Closed all City of Myrtle Beach indoor facilities to the public beginning March 16, 2020.
 - Encouraging services be conducted on-line or via phone
 - Closed playgrounds as a precaution because of high-touch surfaces

March 16, 2020

- Enacted a hiring freeze except for mission critical positions
 - Reassigning FT employees to other departments to help in service delivery
- Reduced bond hearings to once per day
- Cancelled all in-person City board and commission meetings, neighborhood watches, etc....

March 18 and 20, 2020

- Began to offer on-line Recreation and Library classes to the public
- Created temporary special operational rules and procedures for restaurants, allowing them to use extra signage and temporary tents, along with temporarily designating public parking spaces for curbside pick-up/delivery

Cancellations

- Cancelled/Postponed all Special Events through April 2020
- Cancelled/Postponed all Sports Tourism events through April 19
- Cancelled/Postponed all events at the Myrtle Beach Convention Center through May 2020

New Resources

- Established a 12-hour community information hotline beginning March 23 – 843-918-INFO
 - Hours are 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m., daily (seven days a week)
- Virtual City Council meetings beginning March 26
- Virtual Board and Commission meetings beginning March 26,
- Update City's Coronavirus web page daily,
<https://www.cityofmyrtlebeach.com/coronavirus/index.php>

Regarding City Employees

- Directed all Departments to develop a continuity of operations plan – March 12, 2020
 - Will assist with a potential workforce shortage associated with COVID-19
- Implemented work-from-home policy for appropriate employees, effective March 24, 2020
- Implemented Administrative Leave with Pay for employees presenting COVID19 symptoms between March 24 – April 1, 2020
 - This bridged the gap until the Federal Government's Families First Coronavirus Response Act took effect on April 1, 2020

Regarding City Employees

- Request employees refrain from traveling to the NYC metropolitan area, or to not allow visitors/guests into their homes who are travelling from the NYC metro area – March 25, 2020
 - If employee travel to/from NYC may be asked to self-quarantine to protect the workforce
- Providing daily communication/update to employees regarding COVID-19