

**CHEROKEE COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER
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DAILY UPDATE

The Georgia Department of Public Health has announced 287 confirmed cases of COVID-19 across the state. 10 deaths have occurred in the state as a result of COVID-19. Cherokee County now has 16 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Additionally, Governor Kemp has announced that the state of Georgia has received an official statewide disaster declaration from the U.S. Small Business Administration. This will allow small business owners and non-profit organizations to apply for loans.

The Georgia Department of Public Health advises that the risk to the general population of Cherokee County remains low. We ask that citizens of Cherokee County continue to practice the preventative measures outlined below. All residents of Georgia are encouraged to have a plan in place to care for and protect family members who are elderly or have compromised immune systems. Check on neighbors who may be elderly or have a heightened risk of contracting the virus. We encourage citizens of the county to use take out or delivery options at restaurants. Local parks are also open. If you need to get out of the house, while practicing social distancing (6 feet or more), city and county parks are a great option. Now is a time to be prepared, but not fearful of the current situation. The citizens of Cherokee County are resilient and have always stepped up to meet any challenge. We are all in this together!

District 1-2 Public Health has begun to conduct drive through specimen sample collections to test for COVID-19 cases. Initially, it will be limited to Public Safety and Healthcare personnel who are considered a "Person Under Investigation." Testing for the general public will follow soon but no date has been released.

Cherokee EMA will continue to provide the latest information as it is provided by the Georgia Department of Public Health, CDC, and other partnering agencies.

PROCLAMATIONS

- Governor Kemp has declared a Public Health State of Emergency for all of Georgia.
- Judge McElyea has issued a Judicial Emergency Order for Cherokee County.
- Statewide SBA Disaster Declaration

CANCELLATIONS

- All Cherokee County School District activities have been canceled. However, the school nutrition staff will continue to dispense to-go bags of food this week for students. These bags will include a week's supply of breakfasts and lunches for the student.
- Cherokee County Senior Services has closed until March 30th.
- All Cherokee County offices are closed to the general public until March 31st.
- The Cherokee County Tax Commissioner's Office is closed to the general public until further notice.

- All county sponsored public gatherings will be canceled or postponed until further notice.
- All Cherokee Recreation and Parks activities have been suspended until March 30th.
- Reinhardt University has transitioned from face-to-face classes to online classes.
- Chattahoochee Tech has canceled all campus classes and activities until March 22nd.
- The City of Ball Ground has closed City Hall to the public.
- The City of Canton has close the City Hall, Public Safety and Municipal Court Complex, and the Public Works Facility to the general public until March 27th.
- The City of Woodstock has closed the William G. Long Senior Center until further notice.
- The City of Waleska has closed its lobby for two weeks.
- The Georgia Presidential Preference Primary has been moved to coincide with the State Primary on May 19, 2020.
- The Cherokee Sheriff's Office Training Department has suspended all training until further notice.

PREVENTATIVE MEASURES

- Wash your hands often with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- If you are sick, please contact your primary care physician.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Practice social distancing
- Receive a flu vaccination

SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS

The following table is from the business news website Business Insider. Sources of information are included on the table.

COVID-19 compared to other common conditions

SYMPTOM	COVID-19	COMMON COLD	FLU	ALLERGI
Fever	Common	Rare	Common	Sometir
Dry cough	Common	Mild	Common	Sometir
Shortness of breath	Common	No	No	Commc
Headaches	Sometimes	Rare	Common	Sometir
Aches and pains	Sometimes	Common	Common	No
Sore throat	Sometimes	Common	Common	No
Fatigue	Sometimes	Sometimes	Common	Sometir
Diarrhea	Rare	No	Sometimes*	No
Runny nose	Rare	Common	Sometimes	Commc
Sneezing	No	Common	No	Commc

*Sometimes for children

Sources: CDC, WHO, American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology

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LINKS

Please visit the Cherokee County Coronavirus Disease 2019 information page at the link below.
<https://www.cherokeega.com/focus/corona-virus-plan.php>

Cherokee County School District
<https://www.cherokeek12.net/>

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