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in District 2 with Commissioner Ben Ku

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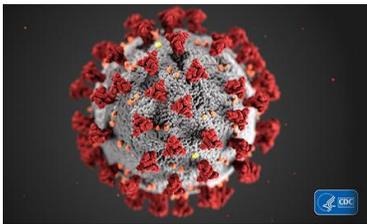
Hello!

This is an unprecedented time for us all, but I'm grateful to each person who has taken measures to slow the spread of COVID-19. I hope you're all staying safe and staying home as much as possible.

On Wednesday, I hosted a virtual town hall with State Representative Sam Park and Board of Education Representative Everton Blair. We answered questions and shared important information about measures being taken in response to COVID-19 in Gwinnett County and across the state of Georgia. Check out my Facebook page to view. I'll be doing one with State Representative Beth Moore and State Senator Sally Harrell soon, so stay tuned to my Facebook page for the details.

Finally, if you find yourself struggling with your mental health while sheltering in place, please reach out to the Georgia COVID-19 Emotional Support Line at 866.399.8938.

Happening Around Gwinnett



Governor Kemp extends statewide the Shelter-in-Place Order

Governor Brian Kemp recently extended the Executive Order to Ensure a Safe & Healthy Georgia establishing shelter-in-place and travel restrictions for residents and visitors across the state through Thursday, April 30. The executive order went into effect Friday, April 3 and suspended Chairman Nash's March 27 Stay-at-Home Order as well as other local emergency orders.

Governor Kemp also issued executive orders calling up additional Georgia National Guard troops to assist in the state's response to COVID-19; suspending short-term rentals; and ensuring the safety of employees and residents of nursing homes and long-term care facilities. [Read more about the orders.](#)

To report observations or complaints related to the statewide shelter-in-place order, contact the Gwinnett County Sheriff's Office or visit dps.georgia.gov/covid-19-updates-0.

Presidential Preference Primary, state and local primaries postponed until June 9

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger has moved the Presidential Preference Primary and the state and local primary to June 9, 2020. The Presidential Preference Primary was originally scheduled for March 24 before being postponed to May 19 to correspond with the scheduled state and local primary. Both elections will now take place June 9.



Every vote already cast in the Presidential Preference Primary, whether by mail or in person, will be counted in June for the Presidential Preference Primary along with votes cast in the state and local primary. Absentee ballot applications for the upcoming primary election will continue to be accepted and processed even if the application said May 19. Once County election officials verify the signature on the application, the voter will be sent an absentee ballot for the primary election now to be held on June 9.

Advance in person voting for the June 9 election will begin May 18 at the Gwinnett Voter Registrations and Elections Beauty P. Baldwin Building, located at 455 Grayson Highway in Lawrenceville.

Read the [Secretary of State's announcement](#) for more information about the decision to postpone the elections. We will continue to share additional updates as details become available.

Learn more about volunteering and donating

Gwinnett County has joined a partnership of community organizations to provide residents with the latest information about finding help, donating food and supplies, volunteering, and giving to local nonprofits during the COVID-19 pandemic. Visit GwinnettCares.org to find these resources and more.

Emergency assistance available to seniors

Emergency assistance for seniors is available for those who are over 60. If you or someone you know is over 60 and facing hunger, health, or mobility issues, please call 678.377.4150 to speak with Senior Services staff.



April 28 public hearing canceled

As a measure to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19, the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners public hearing scheduled for Tuesday, April 28 at 7:00pm has been canceled. The Department of Planning and Development will contact applicants for zoning requests scheduled for this public hearing via phone and email to notify them of the cancellation.

What's New in District 2

Gwinnett to submit transit project list to the Atlanta-Regional Transit Link Authority

My fellow board members and I approved a [menu of approximately 95 transit projects](#) that will be submitted to the Atlanta-Regional Transit Link Authority for consideration as additions to the ATL Regional Transit Plan. If accepted by The ATL Board, these projects would be eligible for inclusion in a potential future transit referendum that could be considered by Gwinnett voters. The Board of Commissioners has not determined whether or when to call a referendum that would identify a plan for financially constrained transit projects and provide a funding source. [Learn more](#) about how the projects were developed. I will insist that any transit plan we submit to the voters be simple, scalable, and exciting.



Participate in the 2020 Census to help with funding, planning for Gwinnett's future

With everything going on, it can be easy to forget about things like the 2020 Census. However, it's as important as ever to participate. Census data informs how billions of dollars in federal funding are distributed, and it also helps local leaders plan for things like roads, schools, and hospitals. Make sure we get an accurate count this year! Participate in the 2020 Census online at My2020Census.gov. It takes less than 10 minutes but makes a

huge impact on our future.

Report issues in your area

Did you know that Gwinnett County has a [Citizen Self-Service portal](#) on our website where you can submit service requests? Let us know if there's a pothole on a County road, a traffic sign is down, or if a swing is broken in your local park. Your reports help us maintain County property and provide the best service and facilities to our residents. If you are driving, feel free to call my office at 770.822.7000 on a hands-free device to report an issue.



Help us keep Gwinnett safe

I would like to remind all residents to follow the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: clean your hands often, avoid close contact with others, stay at home as much as possible, cover coughs and sneezes, and stay home if you are sick. Be sure to maintain six feet of distance between yourself and others when you have to go out. For more information about how to protect yourself from COVID-19 and what to do if you are sick, please visit Coronavirus.gov.



Special Events and Happenings

Events and activities are suspended in compliance with the Governor's Shelter-in-Place order.

Visit [GwinnettCounty.com](https://www.gwinnettcountry.com) or follow the County's social media channels to learn about future events.

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