

COVID-19 (Corona Virus)
Rules and Recommendations
For Dearing, Thomson, and McDuffie County

The Town of Dearing, The City of Thomson, and McDuffie County have implemented the following **Rules and Recommendations** listed below to limit, reduce, and stop the spread of COVID-19.

1. Implementation of Social Distancing, stay six (6) feet apart.
2. Limit Physical Interaction with others in public.
3. Stay at home. Limit your community movement.
4. Certain persons within the State of Georgia and therefore, McDuffie County, who have serious underlying conditions likely to cause and increase the spread of COVID-19 if such person were to become infected are to isolate, quarantine, or shelter in place within their homes or place of residence. This shall include the following:
 - a. Those persons who live in a nursing home or long-term care facility;
 - b. Those persons who have chronic lung disease;
 - c. Those persons who are currently undergoing cancer treatment; and
 - d. Those persons included in Department of Public Health Administrative Order 03.22.20.01.
 - i. Persons with known COVID-19, based on notification by a healthcare provider or official.
 - ii. Persons with suspected COVID-19, based on notification by a healthcare provider or official.
 - iii. Persons with COVID-19 exposure likely to result in infection, based on notification by a healthcare provider or official.
5. All businesses which possess a license to operate as or meet the definition of “Bar” as defined in Code Section 3-1-2(2.1) shall cease operations while the Governor’s Executive Order is in effect.
6. No business, establishment, corporation, non-profit corporation, or organization shall allow more than ten (10) persons to be gathered at a single location if such gathering requires persons to stand or to be seated within six (6) feet of any other person.
7. Gatherings of more than ten (10) persons will be prohibited at all public parks and recreation facilities.
8. Cancel community and Faith Base Gatherings of any size.
9. All citizens of McDuffie County, the Town of Dearing, and the City of Thomson are strongly encouraged to follow all relevant guidelines and recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Department of Public Health.
10. The Town of Dearing, City of Thomson, and McDuffie County establishes and institutes a curfew in accordance with their governing authority for all individuals under the age of 18, except for exempt individuals as defined herein. Said curfew shall include the hours of 8:00 pm to 8:00 am for a period not to exceed the term of the Governor’s Order and shall apply to all of the territory contained in McDuffie County, Georgia. Exempt individuals include the following individuals:
 - a. Individuals in the presence of and with a natural parent or legal guardian;
 - b. Individuals traveling to and from their places of employment with appropriate identification;
 - c. Individuals traveling to a medical facility; and
 - d. Individuals engaging in their employment