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FLORENCE, SC – Following Executive Orders issued by the South Carolina Governor’s Office, the City of Florence has facilitated the enforcement of directives with regard to public gatherings, and has implemented all recommendations set forth by the Centers of Disease Control (CDC). This effort includes guidelines for employees on appropriate workplace hygiene and social distancing requirements. To accomplish social distancing recommendations, the City has modified its operations schedule for city facilities, as well as requested that customers call prior to visiting to determine if business can be handled remotely to protect employees and citizens by minimizing opportunities to spread COVID-19 in our community.

As an update to the City’s previous list of facility closings, and due to the Governor’s most recent directives, **ALL** City of Florence playgrounds, or spaces with activities that require the use of shared sports apparatus and equipment, or sports that involve interaction with another person in close proximity and within 6 feet of another person are CLOSED.

For those businesses in the Florence community continuing to open to the public during this time (Businesses should reference SC Governor’s Office Executive Order 2020-17), the City strongly recommends that you also take necessary precautions to ensure the health and safety of your employees and patrons visiting your place of business. Given the directive regarding “gatherings of 3 or more” included in the Governor’s Executive Order, it is important for businesses to minimize crowds and assess their space to allow for social distancing. Based on information gathered from various reputable organizations such as the CDC and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation, the City of Florence recommends that businesses impose the following:

- Employees experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, those who have had close contact with a confirmed COVID-19 patient within 14 days of symptom onset, or those who have traveled from affected geographic areas should **NOT** work within a public setting or retail environment unless the employee has completed the required 14-day quarantine or tested negative for COVID-19.
- Employees should use cough and sneeze etiquette, and frequently clean hands with soap and water.
- Routine cleaning of all frequently touched surfaces in the workplace, such as workstations, countertops, and doorknobs.
- Appropriate signage should be added that discourages those with COVID-19 symptoms from entering the business to protect employees and other patrons.
- Businesses should take appropriate measures to ensure employees and patrons are following social distancing guidelines (Many stores have added defined spacing for those standing in checkout lines).
- Limitations should be set on the number of patrons allowed in a business at one time based on the square footage of the business to allow for appropriate social distancing.

City of Florence Codes Enforcement staff members will be visiting Florence businesses to share this information with owners/managers, and will also be enforcing new directives regarding non-essential businesses that was included in Executive Order 2020-17. The City recognizes the challenges that these precautions create, but also realizes the impact they can make to slow the spread of COVID-19. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated as we work together to ensure the health and safety of Florence residents during this time.