



Media Advisory

City of Hoover Community Relations Efforts/Closings

March 17, 2020 (9:00 am) In response to recent directives from local health officials surrounding the COVID-19 virus, City of Hoover officials have made the decision to completely close the walking tracks at both the Hoover Recreation Center and the Finley Center, located at the Hoover Met Complex. Those closures are effective immediately.

Also, the EXPLORE Playground and Splash Pad at the Hoover Met Complex is now closed to the public.

The Climb to Remember Stair Climb that was originally scheduled for Saturday, April 4th has been postponed until further notice.

The City of Hoover is also working on a number of community relations efforts to keep residents informed both from a health and economic perspective. Those efforts are outlined below.

- **HOOVERCOVID Text Alerts** - Hoover residents can now sign up to receive direct text message alerts about ongoing developments about the City of Hoover in regard to the COVID-19 Virus. To receive those messages, residents should text the words **HOOVERCOVID to 888-777**. They should immediately receive two brief messages in response letting them know they have successfully signed up for the alerts.
- **COVID-19 Announcement and Resources Links:** The City of Hoover has created a page that can be found on the City of Hoover website that will provide a one-stop shop for residents looking for information on City notifications, such as facility closings. This page also includes information for Hoover businesses and employers that come from local, state and federal partners, such as the Small Business Administration, that they can use as resources. Lastly, this page contains links to general health information surrounding COVID-19. This page is fluid and will be updated regularly.
- **Expanded/Adaptive Business Services Form:** The City of Hoover, Hoover Area Chamber of Commerce, and Hoover Restaurant Alliance are asking all local businesses and non-profits, including churches, that are offering expanded or adapted services to the public as a result of the COVID-19 virus, to fill out a form outlining their actions. That form can be found at bit.ly/hoovercares. Once forms are completed, officials will compile a list of all the information and share it with residents through various platforms. The City's website is: hooveralabama.org.

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