

1 **RESOLUTION TO RATIFY THE ACTIONS OF THE COUNTY MANAGER TO**
2 **DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT AN EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN FOR FULTON**
3 **COUNTY TO ADDRESS THE COVID-19 THREAT TO SENIORS AND YOUNG**
4 **PEOPLE IN FULTON COUNTY BY SUSPENDING CERTAIN PUBLIC SERVICES**

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6 **WHEREAS**, the coronavirus disease 2019 ("COVID-19") is a new respiratory
7 illness that can spread from person to person; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the risk of infection with COVID-19 appears to be higher for people
9 who are in close contact with someone who has COVID-19; and

10 **WHEREAS**, older people and people of all ages with severe underlying health
11 conditions such as heart disease, lung disease, diabetes, and other autoimmune issues
12 seem to be at higher risk of developing serious COVID-19 illness; and

13 **WHEREAS**, because COVID-19 is a new illness, healthcare providers are still
14 learning about how it is transmitted, who will be affected by it, and proper protocols to
15 address its spread; and

16 **WHEREAS**, on March 12, 2020, Brian Kemp, Governor of the State of Georgia,
17 addressed the public concerning COVID-19; and

18 **WHEREAS**, during his address, Governor Kemp stated, in part, that the State of
19 Georgia "must take extra care around elderly individuals, people with health issues and
20 those who have a suppressed immune system . . . to dramatically limit their exposure to
21 the public for the foreseeable future"; and

22 **WHEREAS**, during his address, Governor Kemp also stated that "county and
23 local governments should consider what closures might be appropriate that do not affect
24 essential services"; and

25 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Fulton County Code § 2-148, the County Manager of
26 Fulton County, Georgia ("County Manager") is the chief executive officer of the County

1 and tasked with the “duty to execute all lawful orders, directions, instructions and all
2 rules and regulations adopted by the county commission consistent with this division
3 and entered upon the minutes of said county commission”; and

4 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Fulton County Code § 2-148, the County Manager “shall
5 have supervision over all employees of the county now or hereafter subject to the
6 jurisdiction of the county commission”; and

7 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Fulton County Code § 2-152, as the chief executive
8 officer of the County, the County Manager has the “duty . . . to conduct, supervise and
9 administer all county affairs, subject only to the general law, to rules prescribed by the
10 county commission, and subject to the right of the county commission to review, repeal
11 or modify any action of the county manager which is contrary to the general law or such
12 rules, by a vote of a majority of the county commission at any subsequent, regular or
13 called meeting, when such vote thus reviewing, repealing or modifying the action of the
14 county manager shall be entered in writing on the minutes of the county commission”;
15 and

16 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Fulton County Code § 2-154, the “use and disposition of
17 county property shall be under the supervision and direction of the county manager,
18 subject to approval by the county commission”; and

19 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Fulton County Code § 114-37, “the County Manager is
20 authorized and directed to “(1) [p]rovide policy guidance to the [Director of the Fulton
21 County Department of Emergency Management Services] in the administration of the
22 emergency management program; [and] (2) [a]ssist in providing effective mobilization of
23 all private and public resources of the county in time of emergency”; and

WHEREAS, the County Manager, in coordination with various departments of the County, has developed an Emergency Action Plan to Address the COVID-19 Threat to Seniors and Young People in Fulton County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County, Georgia hereby ratifies the actions of the County Manager and staff to develop and implement the Emergency Action Plan to Address the COVID-19 Threat to Seniors and Young People in Fulton County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County, Georgia, hereby empowers the County Manager to take such additional action as the County Manager may determine to be necessary to alleviate and ameliorate the effects of COVID-19 on the citizens and employees of Fulton County, Georgia; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County,
Georgia, this 18th day of March, 2020.

FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Robert L. Pitts, Chairman

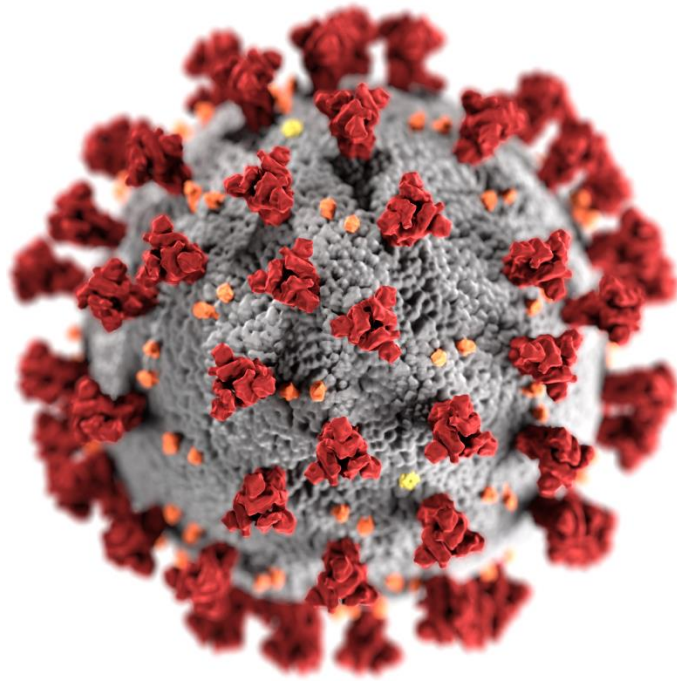
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Fulton County COVID-19

Response Plan

Executive Summary

BACKGROUND

- On March 2 Governor Kemp announced the first two COVID-19 cases in Georgia, both of which were in Fulton County.
- As of March 17, number of confirmed/presumptive cases in Fulton County has grown from 2 to 33, including three cases involving Fulton County schools.
- On March 10 and 12, Fulton County executive team and Interim Health Director held conference calls with leaders from the Fulton County Board of Commissioners as well as cities, school systems and other partners to enhance coordination. Those conference call updates continue as necessary and as requested.
- On March 12 at 3 p.m., Governor Brian Kemp gave an update regarding the rapidly changing environment and encouraged local government leaders to take necessary actions to protect the public. A second update by the governor was provided in an Association of County Commissioners of Georgia coordinated call on March 17, 2020.

PATH FORWARD

SERVICES

- Continue essential operations with emphasis on services that are legally required to support public health and safety.
- Suspended services that could increase the risk of community exposure to COVID-19, including senior services, libraries, arts & culture and community development (except homeless).
- Closure of all Fulton County-owned facilities to the public (for the provision of Fulton County Services) except health and public safety.
- Suspend county-sponsored and county-staffed public meetings, events and outreach activities until further notice.
- Use technology solutions where possible to continue service delivery while limiting risk to exposure.

PATH FORWARD

EMPLOYEES

- Implemented teleworking where appropriate.
- Instituted travel restrictions and employee policies for administrative leave.
- Essential Employees – (public health & safety; employees who support essential functions that cannot be completed remotely) will report at work locations on scheduled times.
- ANY employee who can telework – Required to telework.
- Nonessential employees who cannot telework – Administrative Leave