

The City of Blue Ridge would like to remind our community that there have been **no confirmed cases** of COVID-19 in our county thus far. However, the City of Blue Ridge has been taking precautionary measures for well over a week now by following state and federal guidelines. The City Hall is closed to the public but day to day business is being conducted via our drive thru. We are continuing to work with local businesses and restaurants. We have encouraged them to practice the guidelines set forth by the Dept. of Public Health. All of our restaurants have already put procedures in place, such as closing or limiting their businesses to drive thru service only. Some are open for take-out orders or have made arrangements to meet social distancing recommendations in their facilities. All food/salad bars have been removed from establishments. Grocery stores have begun to place limitations on certain essential items. Several of our local churches have cancelled service and broadcasting online to limit the gathering of large groups of people in a confined area. Banks are encouraging customers to utilize their drive thru service. We would ask that you utilize drive thru areas to conduct **any** essential business when available. We have also closed our park for now to help control social gathering there.

Several local hotels and cabin rental companies have reported a decline in reservations for the near future but have precautionary measures in place as well for any person(s) that will still visit our area. They are informing visitors to bring their own groceries and supplies, practice social distancing, and to practice the same sanitary guidelines that we are in order to help us keep our community safe.

Information is constantly changing and we will work diligently to keep our website and Facebook updated as the situation changes. By being proactive and taking these measures, we are hoping to eliminate a huge impact on our community from COVID-19. We will continue to follow federal and state guidelines and encourage others to do so as well. By working together, we can all make a positive difference in our community during this crisis. Be safe!

Useful links:

<https://dph.georgia.gov/novelcoronavirus>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

<https://www.cityofblueridgega.gov>