



Gordon County Board of Commissioners

Board of Commissioners
Becky Hood, Chairman
Chad Steward, Vice Chairman
Norris Sexton, Commissioner
Kevin Cunningham, Commissioner
M. L. (Bud) Owens, Commissioner

James F. Ledbetter, Administrator
jledbetter@gordoncounty.org

Annette Berry, County Clerk
aberry@gordoncounty.org

CALHOUN/GORDON COUNTY JOINT AGENCY MEDIA RELEASE

Thursday, February 27, 2020

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE...

Counties around the state and nation, including Gordon County, are monitoring the evolution of the coronavirus (COVID-19). We have recently received several inquiries about the impact of the Wuhan coronavirus on our community. We continue to keep the health and well-being of our citizens and visitors as our highest priority. There have been no reported cases of the coronavirus in Calhoun, Gordon County or the state of Georgia.

Our government and public safety teams continue to receive updates and guidance on signs and symptoms of the coronavirus. We are working closely with the Gordon County Department of Public Health, and we are monitoring information that is being released from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). Calhoun and Gordon County governments and public safety personnel along with AdventHealth Gordon will begin weekly meetings beginning on Tuesday, March 3rd to plan for and prepare to respond to any potential case of coronavirus within Gordon County.

We ask citizens and visitors to follow regular health protocols of disinfecting surfaces such as countertops, handles, doorknobs, computer keyboards, and other highly touched areas. Although there have been no reported cases of the coronavirus in our county or state, there are preventative measures you can take, which are the same as for the flu. They include:

- Washing hands frequently
- Avoiding touching your eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands
- Avoiding close contact with people who are sick
- Staying home if you are sick and running a fever
- Coughing or sneezing into your elbow or use tissue to cover it and then throw tissue in the trash

We will update our website and social media channels if any significant information becomes available and we will work hard to keep citizens notified of contingency plans if an outbreak should occur.

Jim Ledbetter
County Administrator

Paul Worley
City Administrator

Sheriff Mitch Ralston
Gordon County Sheriff's Office

Director Courtney Taylor
Gordon County Emergency Management Agency

Chief Doug Ralston
Gordon County Fire Rescue

Chief Tony Pyle
Calhoun Police Department

Director Debbie Vance
Gordon County E-911

Chief Lenny Nesbitt
Calhoun Fire Department

Director Mike Etheridge
AdventHealth EMS