

How to Stay Safe and Support City of Decatur Businesses

The health, safety, and well-being of our community are our top priorities. The City's Emergency Management team is coordinating with and following the guidance of the Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH), DeKalb Emergency Management Agency (DEMA), and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). While essential public services such as Police, Fire, and Public Works are continuing normal operations, certain community events, meetings, and programs are being cancelled and/or rescheduled in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

During this time of adjustments in social events, work schedules, and travel, we encourage you to remember our many small businesses in downtown and throughout our community and to continue supporting them even if you cannot visit them physically.

Currently, many City of Decatur's [restaurants](#) and [retail](#) stores are taking extra steps to ensure their spaces are clean and safe for customers. Follow guidance from public health officials regarding social distancing and proper health etiquette if and when visiting businesses and public spaces.

If you are not able to visit stores and restaurants physically, there are still things you can do to support our small and local businesses:

- 1. Shop online or via phone. Many of our [retailers](#) have online shopping available; our local and independent shops will help you get what you need via phone or other methods, if necessary. For a comprehensive list of businesses go to www.VisitDecaturGA.com**
- 2. Purchase custom or corporate gifts from retailers who can handle orders over the phone or online.**
- 3. If you typically order wholesale products with local retailers later in the year, place your orders now.**
- 4. If you do not need anything specific at the moment but still want to support local, buy gift cards to spend later in our various storefront businesses.**
- 5. For [restaurants](#), order takeout or delivery and tip the same amount as you would dining in.**

6. You can buy gift cards for many local restaurants, too.

7. Share this post and information widely so others know how to help.

First and foremost, prioritize and take all health and safety precautions for yourself and others in our community. Our community health as a whole depends on working together, and our small businesses are part of the lifeblood of the City of Decatur's success. We want to make sure they continue to stay successful while maintaining appropriate public health safety measures.

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