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## College Park officials meet with city's Medical Director for latest on Coronavirus

*City officials taking proper steps to keep public safe and informed*



**College Park, GA/March 4, 2020** - The City of College Park, Georgia held a meeting today with Dr. Elijah Robinson, MD, an emergency medicine specialist with Grady and Emory hospitals to get updates regarding the Coronavirus Disease, and to take proactive steps to keep city staffers, residents and stakeholders aware of up-to-date developments.

“In our effort to stay vigilant and proactive, we felt it was necessary that we meet with Dr. Robinson,” said City Manager Terrence Moore. Dr. Robinson serves as Medical Director for College Park’s Fire Rescue and Emergency Medical Services (EMS).

“Covid-19 is a respiratory virus and may lead to severe difficulty breathing, fever and other flu-like symptoms,” Dr. Robinson stated. “This may affect neonatal groups and the elderly with more impact, but eighty-percent of people who contract Covid-19 usually have mild indicators.”

The City of College Park currently employs safety measures to ensure proper cleaning and disinfecting of public buildings. Cleaning occurs each day, and may be performed multiple times during the day when special programs or events require the city to do so.

College Park's Fire Chief Wade Elmore addressed the department directors' staff meeting today, stating "Our EMS challenges are great, but we're prepared. If someone we transport shows signs or symptoms, we'll ask if they've traveled to, or have come into contact with anyone who may have traveled to the areas in question."

Elmore stated that his department will contact the Georgia Department of Health or CDC if anyone shows signs of possible infection.

Dr. Robinson says typical signs of infection may include fever and lower respiratory cough. Georgia health officials have disclosed a traveler recently returned from Italy, one of the countries on the risk list.

Robinson says you can contract the virus by coming in close contact with someone currently infected.

College Park's EMS Division Chief Ron Taylor suggests that the following steps should be used to reduce that chances that the virus will spread:

- Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- Clean and disinfect door handles and work spaces
- Mute or cover cough with napkin/tissue
- Wash/sanitize hands after restroom
- Avoid contact with those who are demonstrating symptoms
- Avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth with hands
- Reduce handshakes

As more information is made available regarding Coronavirus, the City of College Park will use all available resources – web, social media and LED signage to get the word out. Please know that the city will continue to work closely with federal and state agencies to ensure information is shared in a timely manner.

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## **About The City of College Park, Georgia**

Encompassing 11.1 square miles, College Park is home to the world headquarters of Chick-fil-A, the most traveled airport worldwide in Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International, and has the largest and one of the most prestigious K-12 private schools in the continental United States - Woodward Academy.

College Park has one of Georgia's most vibrant entertainment, hospitality and convention communities, built surrounding the Georgia International Convention Center. In the fall of 2019, the city opened the Arena at the Gateway Center, which serves as home court for the College Park SkyHawks, the G-League subsidiary of the Atlanta Hawks, and the Atlanta Dream of the WNBA. College Park takes pride in new technologies, such as a compressed natural gas fueling station, and electric car charging stations along its historic downtown district. College Park's progressive vision makes it one of the most desirable places to live, work and play in the metropolitan Atlanta region.

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