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Alabaster COVID-19 Press Release

The Governor held a press conference on April 28th amending the existing COVID-19 Health Order with guidelines for Safer at Home, effective at 5:00 p.m. on April 30th until May 15th. The reasons provided for continued restrictions are due to the State not yet achieving all three of the Federal criteria for moving into full Phase 1 Re-Opening. Alabama has still not met the consistent 14 day decline in positive tests. The good news is we have flattened the curve, but we need to remain diligent in our efforts to minimize the spread.

The amended Health Order allows the opening of some retail establishments and elective medical services, with conditions of limited occupancy and the strong recommendation for face coverings worn by employees and customers. We know this season continues to be very difficult for many still in the waiting period. Our hearts go out to all of those experiencing the negative financial impact.

In light of the amended Health Order, the City is amending the some of the restrictive measures in place since March 16th. These include lifting the curfew and opening the Tennis Courts and green spaces in all city parks during normal park hours—from dawn to dusk. The Governor’s Health Order continues to limit non-work gatherings to less than 10 and recommends non-family physical distancing of at least six feet. The restrooms, playground equipment, dog park, and pavilions will remain closed during this time. Continued diligent compliance from our community can be a major contributor to our state achieving the desired consistent decline in positive cases, as well as the journey to recovery for many in re-opening more businesses.

We understand the positive emotional and mental health benefits of being able to get outside of our homes, for a change of scenery and/or physical activity. We are fortunate to have wonderful parks and they are perfect places to be able to enjoy the beautiful creations of Spring. It is our hope everyone will continue to realize the seriousness of this virus and take personal responsibility required for the safety of yourselves and others, for whom you may come in contact. We cannot thank you enough for patient understanding and intentional efforts to do your part during this challenging time.

Remember, it is still Safer-At-Home, and we are all in this together.