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Anniston city leadership urges all of its citizens to continue social distancing practices and to adhere to the health and safety guidelines set forth by the Center for Disease Control, the Alabama Department of Public Health, and the State of Alabama's Health Orders, which were amended on 05/21/20 ([Link: https://bit.ly/2zVPPYY](https://bit.ly/2zVPPYY)). Furthermore, be it known that in an effort to adhere our community to the safest practices recommended by both the CDC and the Alabama Dept. of Public Health, the City of Anniston will execute the following precautionary measures for the health and safety of our residents:

MUSEUMS REOPENING, SUMMER DAY CAMP REGISTRATION, & FARMERS MARKET INFORMATION

- **The Anniston Museum of Natural History and the Berman Museum will open to the public on May 26th (Tuesday).** Both museums will operate Tuesday through Saturday, from 10:00am until 5:00pm. They will both be closed on Sunday and Monday.
 - This will be a **limited re-opening**, as to comply with the State of Alabama's 'Safer at Home Order' and CDC recommendations; therefore:
 - NatureSpace will remain closed until further notice
 - Group tours will not be able to be accommodated
 - Outreach programs will not be scheduled during this time
 - Rental events will need to comply with the limited re-opening policies or be postponed until further notice
 - Signage will be installed, reminding guests to maintain an appropriate 6 foot distance from one another
 - Reminder: The **Longleaf Botanical Gardens** remains closed to the public
- The City of Anniston will host its annual **Summer Day Camp Program**. The Summer Camp will start June 1st and will take place at the following 3 community centers: the Anniston Aquatic & Fitness Center, Norwood Hodges, and Wiggins. The Summer Camp will comply with the rules and guidelines set forth by the State of Alabama's Amended 'Safer at Home Order,' as they relate to Summer camps.
 - Please note, in-order to better comply with state guidelines, each camp site will have a **limited number of registration slots available**. Both Wiggins and Norwood Hodges will be limited to 30 campers, while the Aquatic & Fitness Center will be limited to 40 campers. Registration slots will be given on a first-come-first-served basis.
 - Those who are unable to get a slot will be placed on a waiting list, where we will try to accommodate them in the event additional slots become available at a later time.
 - Registration forms may be picked-up at each community center camp site. Individuals may also register online at <https://bit.ly/36p1UC3>. To download a printable version of the Summer Camp registration form, follow this link: <https://bit.ly/2WUwqRn>.
 - Each registrant will receive a copy of the Summer Camp's safety rules and guidelines. This information will also be distributed at each camp site when the program begins.
- The **Anniston Downtown Farmers Market** will begin on June 6th, and it will operate from 7:00am until 11:00am, every Saturday until October 31st. The Farmers Market will be at a new location this year: 101 E. 10th Street, Anniston, AL 36201. Furthermore, the Farmers Market will follow the rules and guidelines provided by the State of Alabama's Farmers Market Association in regard to COVID-19 precautions. Thus, please be aware of the following precautionary measures that will be in place at the Farmers Market until further notice:
 - Masks will be available on site for individuals who would like to receive one
 - Hand washing stations will be made available
 - All vendors will have hand sanitizer available at their booths
 - At this time, in order to adhere our Farmers Market to the State of Alabama's Farmers Market Association's guidelines, **pets will not be allowed** (please note, this policy may change based on future state recommendations)