



# CITY OF ANNISTON, ALABAMA

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#### **MASK MANDATE FOR CITY FACILITIES**

**ANNISTON, AL** -- Citizens of Anniston, according to the latest information from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), as of Tuesday, August 17, 2021 at 4:25 PM ET, Calhoun County is experiencing [High levels of Community Transmission of COVID-19](#). Furthermore, only 31.9% of Calhoun County residents are vaccinated as of August 17th. City of Anniston leadership places the highest priority on the safety of its citizens. Therefore, in an effort to keep all public facilities as safe as possible, especially for those in our most vulnerable population groups, the Anniston City Council has directed the City Manager to enact a Mask Mandate for all city facilities. This mask mandate will be effective today, August 18, 2021. Masks will now be required within all city facilities until further notice, this includes City Council Meetings. In addition, masks will be available to the public at all outdoor, city-sponsored events, such as the Heritage Festival on August 28, 2021. Mask use at outdoor, city-sponsored events will be strongly encouraged as well.

#### **ANNISTON AQUATIC & FITNESS CENTER**

The **Anniston Aquatic and Fitness Center** has completed program planning and will reopen today (08/18/21) at regular business hours.

#### **ANNISTON MUSEUMS AND GARDENS**

The **Anniston Museum of Natural History and Longleaf Botanical Gardens** are now open to the public. The **Berman Museum** is still undergoing maintenance and planning, thus it will remain closed until further notice. For questions, please contact the Anniston Museums and Gardens at: (256) 237-6766.

