



CITY OF OPELIKA UPDATES FOLLOWING GOVERNOR KAY IVEY AMENDED SAFER AT HOME ORDER MAY 21, 2020

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OPELIKA, Ala. – The City of Opelika has made changes based on Governor Kay Ivey’s amended Safer at Home order which goes into effect today at 5 p.m. Major modifications are taking place primarily at our Parks and Recreation Department.

“I am pleased with Governor Ivey’s announcement yesterday. Our youth can now begin practicing sports and doing the things kids do – getting outside, exercising, playing ball, having fun and being with friends. Our adults can enjoy our rec centers again. And while we must still be cautious, more businesses are able to open their doors and begin serving our community. Please continue to support our local businesses and restaurants and practice social distancing as you get out and about. I’m proud of our community and am glad to see things moving in the right direction,” said Mayor Gary Fuller.

Important Things to Know About Opelika Parks and Recreation:

Programs/Events that ARE happening:

- Summer Swing Fun Run- No registration, drinks, finish line procedures or food. However, there will be an informal free run every Tuesday, June 2 - July 28
- Pottery Studio is opening on May 27 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. with social distancing guidelines in place.
- Line Dancing will begin June 4 with social distancing guidelines in place.

Programs/Events that are NOT happening:

- Day Camp- social distancing cannot be maintained.
- Ballroom Dancing- social distancing cannot be maintained.
- Baton – social distancing cannot be maintained.
- June Summer Swing Concerts- social distancing cannot be maintained.
- Summer Movie in the Park- social distancing cannot be maintained.
- Float-In Movie- social distancing cannot be maintained.
- Splash Bash Summer Games – Splash Park is closed.

Sports that ARE happening

- T-Ball- Registration will be from May 26 – June 2
- Dixie Boys Baseball - Registration will be from May 26 – June 2
- Girls Softball - Registration will be from May 26- June 2
- Tumbling - Limited classes and class sizes with no hands-on coaching. Entirely skill based. Registration begins May 26.
- Opelika Crush Training June 22 - July 31
- Karate - Registration and session dates TBD.

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Sports that are NOT happening:

- Adult Soccer

Opelika SportsPlex:

- Lap Swimming will begin May 26. Sign-ups will be online via Sign-up Genius. Eight lanes will be open for swimming. Time slots are 30 minutes long and will have 10-minute breaks in between to accommodate traffic flow and cleaning schedules.
- Fitness Classes are continuing.
- The Splash Park is closed.
- Tot Watch is still closed.
- Basketball Courts are still closed.
- Racquetball Courts are still closed.
- No reservations will be taken during the month of June.
- Steam rooms, locker rooms and showers are still closed.

Parks:

- Playgrounds are now open.
- No reservations will be taken during the month of June.

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