

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

1. When will students go back to school or has there been an update on the school schedule?

**ANSWER:** The City of Covington does not play any role in decisions regarding school. Any decisions regarding Tipton County Schools are made by the administration at the Tipton County Board of Education. Information is available on their website at [www.tipton-county.com](http://www.tipton-county.com)

2. Is anyone providing food for children while schools are closed?

**ANSWER:** Yes, Tipton County Schools is providing free meals for students at six places across Tipton County between 10:30am until 1:30pm. Meals are not available during spring break (March 23-27). More information can be found at <https://www.tipton-county.com/apps/news/article/1187960>

3. Can I still go outside for a walk?

**ANSWER:** Currently, there are no orders to “shelter in place” (which means not leave your home except in cases of emergency), so, YES, you can go outside for a walk. However, if you are feeling sick and/or have fever you should stay at home so that you don’t expose any others. If you go outside for a walk remember to observe “social distancing” requirements, meaning don’t get too close to other people, wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds when you get back to your home, cover your cough/sneeze with your elbow, and don’t shake hands/hug friends or neighbors that you may encounter.

4. Does my business need to close?

**ANSWER:** That depends. Currently, the only businesses that have been ordered to be *closed* to the public are gyms/work-out facilities, hair salons, barber shops, and nail salons. Restaurants and other businesses serving food can only offer take-out, drive through or delivery, but must be *closed* to all dining-in options. If your business does not fit into those categories, then I encourage you to use your best judgment on whether you remain open. If you remain open you should take all reasonable measures to protect yourself, your employees and the public, for example: limiting public access to your building. City Hall, Covington Electric and many banks have closed their lobbies to the public and are doing as much business as possible via the drive-through. Certainly, you should increase sanitization, especially on surfaces that are touched often like doorknobs, and observe social distancing.

5. Are city parks still open to the public?

**ANSWER:** Yes, mostly. Parks are still open to the public for walking or playing with children, however, playgrounds are closed due to surfaces being repeatedly touched. Furthermore, groups of children or families congregating in parks is discouraged. The Tipton County Veterans Museum is closed; however, the walking trail is still open so long as those who use it observe social distancing.

6. When will the Sportsplex and Aquatic Center re-open?

**ANSWER:** When it is determined safe pursuant to guidelines issued by the Centers for Disease Control and the Tennessee Department of Health.