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PRESS RELEASE

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Customers will be able to make utility, citation, tax, and permit payments by phone, Drop box at City Hall, and online. As a courtesy to our customers for this inconvenience the standard credit card fee will be waived during the time our lobby is closed.

Alcohol Server Permits will not be issued during the time Helen City Hall is closed to the public. Anyone required to have an Alcohol Server Permit will be required to contact City Hall and provide their name, address and the business name in order to serve alcohol during this time.

In order to provide proper cleaning of the public restrooms, the restroom located on Chattahoochee Strasse (behind Arts Center) will be temporary closed. The restrooms on River Street and at the Welcome Center will be open.

At the present time Governor Kemp is not planning to close restaurants. However, his office is mandating the Georgia Restaurant Associations recommendation of 30 person maximum including the servers inside closed quarter areas. A restaurant may accommodate up to 50 people if the tables are spaced approximately 12 feet apart. The exception to the rule is all outside seating is exempt if the 6 ft. spacing can be adhered to. It is a recommendation that takeout and delivery be used as much as possible.

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