

City of Lakefield Coronavirus Advisory & Cancellations

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The City of Lakefield continues to monitor the outbreak of 2019 novel coronavirus, as it does with all situations that could result in emergency situations within the community. Planning for these types of emergencies is made in conjunction with ISD School District 2895, Jackson County Emergency Management Services and the Minnesota Department of Health.

The following actions are being taken by the City effective Thursday, March 19:

Building Closings

The following will close to the public and will remain closed effective until further notice. Essential staff will still report and provide services:

- Multi- Purpose Center

Public Meetings

The next general council meeting is scheduled for April 6. The meeting is expected to be held in person, but it and future meetings have potential of being held electronically. All other boards, committees, and commissions are expected to only meet if necessary, until the Governor's peacetime emergency declaration is lifted.

City Hall Services

City Hall will remain open until further notice. All online services on the City website will remain available and all City departments encourage citizen to contact the office via phone and email before coming in person. Please call 507-662-5457 or email clerk@lakefieldmn.com for any business you may need attended to.

Utility Billing

Lakefield Public Utilities requests that customers mail their payment, utilize the drop box at City Hall or utilize our online option available from our website. www.lakefieldmn.com. Note: Credit Card fees will be the responsibility of the Customer. If you have any utility questions, please call Holly at 507-662-5457 or email cservice@lakefieldmn.com.

Utility Meter Reading

In an effort to follow social distancing recommendations by the CDC we will be suspending any house meter reading. If readings cannot be collected for some reason, we will estimate your usage and make appropriate adjustments when readings are submitted.

Police Department

The Lakefield Police Department will continue to be dispatched by 911. Please call the non-emergency number of 507-662-5353 or email pdchief@lakefieldmn.com if you have a non-emergency issue to report or other related business.

CDC Recommendations

At this time, the city recommends following everyday preventative actions as prescribed by the CDC, listed below:

- » Avoid close contact with sick people.
- » While sick, limit contact with others as much as possible.
- » Stay home if you are sick.
- » Cover your nose and mouth when you cough or sneeze. Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands; germs spread this way.
- » Clean and disinfect surfaces and objects that may be contaminated with germs.
- » Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub with at least 60% alcohol.

The CDC has a dedicated webpage, www.cdc.gov/ncovv, for information on 2019-nCoV and the City recommends using that resource to keep yourself knowledgeable about the facts surrounding the virus.

We also recommend that you visit www.cdc.org and www.health.state.mn.us for updates on federal and state government responses.