

PRESS RELEASE

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COVID-19 and City Preparations

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The health and safety of our staff, the residents of Buffalo, and visitors are of high importance. With the transmission of COVID-19 the City staff and elected officials are monitoring the situation daily.

We encourage you to garner information on the virus from 3 sources: Center for Disease Control, Johnson County Emergency Management, and Johnson County Healthcare Center.

- www.cdc.gov
- www.johnsoncountyywoming.org/covid-19/
- www.jchealthcare.com/covid-19-faq/

The City and its operations are business as usual, however we are asking the community to use common sense on several fronts and limiting contact is the number one way to avoid this virus.

- **IF YOUR ARE IN A MEDICAL, POLICE, OR FIRE EMERGENCY DO NOT HESITATE TO CALL 911.**
- Public Works – limit to emergency calls only. Examples: safety situation, broken water/sewer lines, severe road damage, downed power lines.
- Payments to the City – you do not need to come into City Hall to pay. Options:
 - Xpress bill pay, this is a convenient way to pay your monthly bill with a credit or debit card. City hall staff members can assist setting up over the phone. www.xpressbillpay.com/#/ .
 - Call us, and staff can process payments over the phone.
 - Set up automatic payment through your Bank's bill-pay service online.
 - Utilize the Bill drop box located on the drive across from the doors to City Hall.
- Dispatch and Police – the department is taking protective measures to continue coverage of the city.
- Sanitation – garbage collection is still on the normal days.
- Sewer Treatment Plant - be mindful of what you are flushing. The system is not designed to handle paper towels or articles of clothing.
- Water Treatment Plant – tap water is clean and virus free.
- Planning and Zoning issues or Building permits – call Toby Rhodes at his office to schedule a meeting time. The vast majority of these issues may be able to be taken care of over the phone or email.
- Municipal Court – if your presence is required contact the courts before your court date and the Judge at her discretion may elect to make alternative arrangements. You must contact the courts prior to your court date.
- City Council, Committee, and Board meetings – these are open to the public, however we strongly encourage you to limit your attendance to the meeting on essential attendance only basis. You are welcome to call City Hall with questions and follow the Buffalo Press corp., as they do an excellent job covering city information.

Again, at this time the City of Buffalo will continue to conduct city Business and will continue until you are notified by us otherwise. As you are aware, meetings and gatherings across the nation, have been canceled or postponed.

We as a community have always been strongest when we stand together and together we will come through this in true Buffalo style; Heads Held High and Proud of each other.

Shane L. Schrader
Mayor city of Buffalo