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### City Response to Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)

Yesterday there was a case of Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) confirmed in Waukesha County. You can read the press release from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services here: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/news/releases/031120.htm?fbclid=IwAR13dxxFBU3FSG7EaAKrw1aHED4Hpyl62dhbxRo2uvL7jIOP9DzICAVhsJo>

Responding to COVID-19 requires all of us working together.

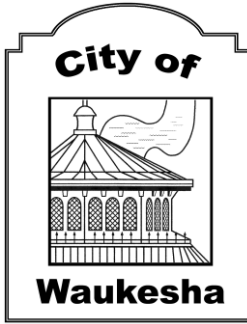
#### Steps we are asking you to take now:

- Stay home when you are sick
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surface.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- Go online and request an absentee ballot by mail for the April 7 election. We are strongly encouraging that residents vote by mail for this election. (<https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/VoteAbsentee>)
- Access City services online or by phone instead of in person (when feasible). You can request permits, fill out license applications, pay taxes, etc. on our website. (<https://waukesha-wi.gov/>)
- Follow the City on social media (@cityofwaukesha) and sign up for our weekly e-newsletter (<https://waukesha-wi.gov/1661/Whats-Up-in-Waukesha>). Any critical information or information on event cancellations, building closures etc. will be provided through those channels and posted on the City website.

#### Steps we are taking as a City:

- City officials are working closely with the Waukesha County Public Health Department. The Public Health Department is the best source for local information on COVID-19: <https://www.waukeshacounty.gov/publichealth>
- The City does have an Emergency Management Plan which includes a response for pandemic outbreaks. We are prepared to execute this plan and establish an emergency operations center as needed.
- The Fire Department, Police Department, other first responders and all Departments in the City are making plans and preparing.





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- We will follow the guidance of the State and County Public Health Departments on public gatherings. We will keep the public informed of any cancellations on social media (@cityofwaukesha), through our weekly e-newsletter (<https://waukesha-wi.gov/1661/Whats-Up-in-Waukesha>) and our website.
- We are increasing the frequency of cleaning of common areas, door handles, railings, etc. at all City buildings and on City buses to make them as safe as possible.
- The safety of our citizens is our highest priority. We are committed to maintaining essential public safety services throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. In order to protect our citizens, the vulnerable populations we serve and our employees, we ask that if you need to call 911 that you tell our emergency dispatchers if you have been diagnosed with or reason to believe you have been exposed to COVID-19. This information is subject to the Health Information Privacy and Portability Act (HIPPA) and will be protected accordingly.

This is a rapidly changing and evolving situation. In coordination with the Waukesha County Public Health Department we will work to keep you updated on the situation in Waukesha.

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