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BURLINGTON – COVID-19 (Update #2)

The City of Burlington continues to monitor the rapidly changing COVID-19 or coronavirus outbreak and working to mitigate the impact to its employees and residents. Out of an abundance of caution, the City of Burlington will take effective preventative steps to mitigate the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19).

Action Steps

Effective March 19, the City of Burlington will be making alternative arrangements to in-person functions and closing City Hall, Public Works Building and Water Pollution Control Facility, Laboratory and the Fire Department to the public. Although we will be closing our buildings, we will continue to provide excellent public service via email, telephone and US. Mail. The City is finalizing business continuity plans for departments and instituting a series of measures for flexible work options to ensure the safety of our employees.

Police and Fire Services

Essential functions of Police and Fire Services will continue full operations with additional measures implemented to protect the safety of you and our first responders.

Voting

Please note, absentee voting will be held at 224 E. Jefferson Street beginning Monday March 23, 2020 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. until April 3, 2020. We continue to encourage absentee voting by mail. To receive your ballot at home, please apply for a ballot by April 2 at www.myvote.wi.com or request an absentee ballot application at cityhall@burlington-wi.gov.

Public Works

The Department will be operating at minimum levels of staffing to ensure critical public health and safety functions are provided. This means that some non-essential services will be discontinued.

- The Lab will continue to process compliance sampling for but will no longer accept private well tests or other outside testing.
- Utility bills should be submitted through PSN, direct pay, or through the mail.
- City Parks typically open May 1st. The opening of City Parks has been postponed and all park facilities shall remain closed to the public. Please note that public playgrounds and other park facilities will not be cleaned or sanitized and should not be used.
- The compost site typically opens for the season at the beginning of April. The site opening has been postponed and biweekly curbside brush collection has also been postponed.

Should you have any questions relating to City Services please call the following numbers or you can always email cityhall@burlington-wi.gov. Please note, staff will respond as soon as they are able.

- City Hall: (262) 342-1161
- Water Dept and Public Works: (262) 342-1181
- Library: (262) 342-1130
- Police (non-emergency): (262) 342-1100
- Fire (non-emergency): (262) 763-7842
- Municipal Court: (262) 342-1129
- Building Inspection: (262) 342-1164
- Register of Deeds: (262) 636-3208
- Racine County Clerk: (262) 636-3121
- Racine County Treasurer: (262) 636-3239

Please continue to take the necessary precautions to keep ourselves, our families, our co-workers and our community safe. A few extra steps can significantly help:

- Be calm, and please be careful to not over-react to potentially misleading information on social media and other sources of fake news.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Wash your hands frequently with warm, soapy water for at least 20 seconds. Or, use alcohol-based hand sanitizers, rubbing hands together until they are dry.
- Cover your mouth and nose when you sneeze or cough into a tissue and then throw it away. Use your arm or sleeve to cover if you do not have a tissue.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Avoid people who are sick with respiratory symptoms.
- Clean shared surfaces and equipment often.
- Avoid unnecessary travel.
- Practice social distancing and avoid places where large groups of people meet, public transportation and maintain a healthy distance of approximately 6 feet from others.
- Should you believe you have any symptoms of the COVID-19, call your medical provider immediately.

To learn more, find information and resources, and get the latest updates about COVID-19:

- Center for Disease Control (CDC):
- Central Racine County Health Department: <https://crchd.com>
- Wisconsin Department of Health Services:
- Travel information: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html>

For the latest guidance and to stay informed, visit the CDC's COVID-19 website at [cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus) and the Wisconsin Department of Health Services at <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/disease/covid-19.htm>.

Regular updates will also be posted on the city's website at www.burlington-wi.gov and the City's Facebook page, www.facebook.com/burlingtonwi

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