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BURLINGTON – COVID-19

As concerns over the coronavirus (also referred to as COVID-19) continue to dominate headlines, Mayor Hefty and I want to take this time to give you an update on the actions of the City of Burlington. We have been carefully preparing response scenarios - with the health of our employees and citizens being top of mind. We are working very hard to make sure the City has the necessary supplies to help protect everyone's health. While the coronavirus has not affected our business operations to date, we are actively monitoring the latest updates from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and public health departments, taking precautionary actions and preparing our business continuity plans. As information is known and if there are any changes in operations, we will continue to communicate with you.

As a precaution, the Burlington Senior Center will be closing for two weeks ensuring our most vulnerable population is at the forefront.

It is important during this time for each of us 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.

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

- Center for Disease Control (CDC): [cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)
- Central Racine County Health Department: <https://crchd.com>
- Wisconsin Department of Health Services: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/disease/covid-19.htm>
- Travel information: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html>

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