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City of Port Huron Announces **UPDATED COVID-19 Mitigation Measures**

There is no intention on our part to overreact to the Coronavirus (COVID-19). However, it's incumbent upon your local officials to plan for the potential community transmission of COVID-19 and to take the necessary precautions to protect our residents and staff, and to take the necessary actions to slow the transmission of this virus.

At the recommendation of the St Clair County Health Department, Governor Whitmer's Emergency Declaration and local public safety officials, the City of Port Huron is limiting certain operations to mitigate risks of the COVID-19 virus. The following operational changes will be in effect until April 15th, 2020, when at that time we will reassess any potential changes.

1. County Emergency Operations Center now fully active as well as the Joint Information Center.
2. Police and Fire Operations are coordinating response plans for potential COVID 19 contact with emergency response agencies and healthcare agencies from across the county.
3. Municipal Office Center (MOC) is closed to public and non-essential staff. City business should be conducted via U.S. Mail, Drive-Thru Window or online at www.PortHuron.org. City night drop-box will be processed continually. If calling MOC please leave a message with detailed information as those messages are sent to staff emails to be checked constantly.
4. All non-essential City Employees are in a "work from home" status. They report to sites as supervisors direct. Information Technology has allowed for much work to now be completed at home.
5. Via Administrative Directive, there will be no water shutoffs in the City. About 150 residents have had water service restored as well. Residents are encouraged to keep paying their bills.
6. Via Administrative Directive, on-street downtown parking has been converted into Drive-Thru/Pickup Lanes



7. All Parks and Recreation sites are closed. Playground equipment is closed and should be avoided.
8. McMorran Civic Theatre and Arena events with over 100 people in expected attendance are canceled.
9. Palmer Park Community Center events are canceled.
10. Rental Inspection operations will temporarily pause.
11. Cemetery and Forestry Divisions have suspended in-person services.
12. Convention & Visitors Bureau support of Pub Crawl is canceled. The Parade scheduled for March 14th is canceled. Health officials discourage people from participating.
13. City Administration will be taking measures to afford paid sick time to employees whom may become exposed to COVID-19. All City personnel will err on the side of caution.
14. Scheduled water meter appointments entering private property will be paused.

These Mitigation Measures have been reviewed and endorsed by the Director of the St. Clair County Health Department. For any further questions regarding City operational changes please contact the office of City Manager James Freed at 810.984.9740. Any healthcare related questions should be directed to the St. Clair County Health Department at 810.987.5309.

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