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## City of Caro Restricts Public Access to City Facilities in Response to Coronavirus, COVID-19

CARO, MI- The City of Caro announced today that effective immediately all access to city facilities, including city hall, fire department, police department, department of public works and wastewater treatment plant is restricted to city personnel only. All public meetings, including the city council meeting scheduled for tonight at 7:30 PM, will be cancelled. City buildings will be open to the public, tentatively, on Monday, April 6, 2020.

"We have to do what is best for our residents and to stop the spread of Coronavirus. I want the public to be assured that these restrictions will not affect services provided by the police and fire departments. All emergency services are in full effect," said Mayor Joe Greene.

To encourage proper infection control procedures, as recommended by federal, state and local health officials, water shut offs have been suspended until April 6, 2020. Water customers will still be responsible to pay for water services.

"We will be suspending water shut-offs for the time-being," said Matthew Lane, Caro City Manager, "but our customers will still be responsible for paying their bills and any corresponding late fees."

The city will still be accepting payments through the mail, at the city hall drop box and online. Staff will be continuing to answer the phones. If you have any questions, comments or concerns for city staff please contact city hall at 989-673-7671 or email the city clerk at ssavage@carocity.net.

For more information regarding Coronavirus and COVID-19, please call the State of Michigan hotline at 1-888-535-6136; visit the CDC's website at https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html

We will be in close contact with our federal, state and local public health officials to evaluate the changing conditions throughout the state, county and city. Please follow the City of Caro on Facebook (@CityOfCaro) and check the city website www.carocity.net for further updates regarding our COVID-19 response.