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City of Three Rivers Announces 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 of 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.

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has issued guidance to help mitigate the spread of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), more commonly known as simply "coronavirus". You can find more information online at <https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus> and <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>.

At the recommendation of Governor Whitmer's Emergency Declaration and local public safety officials, the City of Three Rivers is limiting certain operations to mitigate risks of the COVID-19 virus. The following operation changes will be effective until April 5, 2020, when at that time we will reassess any potential changes.

1. All City Residents are discouraged from conducting business with City Hall that can otherwise be conducted via U.S. Mail or online at www.threeriversmi.org. You may utilize our payment drop box, 24 hours a day. While we don't encourage using cash in the drop box however, if you have no other method of payment, we will mail you a receipt in the mail. Elderly and at-risk populations should avoid City Hall.
2. Three Rivers Police will be responding to emergency calls. Non-Emergency calls will be handled on a case by case basis and contact will be made either in-person or by phone.
3. Three Rivers Fire/Ambulance will be responding to all call however, they will be following State Medical Control guidelines.
4. Schedule water meter appoints entering private property will only be scheduled on an as needed basis only with priority being given to emergencies.
5. City Administration will be taking measures to afford paid leave to employees who may be come exposed to COVID-19 and need to be quarantined.
6. All City Personnel are being asked to err on the side of caution and take necessary steps to prevent the spread of the virus.

For further questions regarding City operational changes, please contact the City Manager, Joseph Bippus at 269-273-1075, x 103. Any healthcare related questions should be directed to the Branch-Hillsdale-St. Joseph Community Health Agency at 269-273-2161.