



March 13th, 2020

The City of Huron in collaboration with the Erie County Health Department is working to keep our community as safe and healthy as possible during this outbreak. The Center for Disease Control is closely monitoring the COVID-19 outbreak and coordinating efforts to control the spread of the virus. We encourage all residents to practice healthy habits such as:

- Washing your hands often for at least 20 seconds.
- Avoiding touching your eyes, mouth, and nose.
- Staying home when you are sick and avoiding contact with other people who are sick.
- Covering your mouth/nose with a tissue or sleeve when coughing or sneezing.
- Cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched objects and surfaces.

The State of Ohio has ordered all schools closed starting Monday March 16th to help control the spread of the virus. The State of Ohio has also banned all public gatherings of over 100 people.

In addition to actions prescribed by both State and Local agencies, the City is taking the following actions:

- **Public Meetings:**
 - March 24th Council Meeting is still scheduled to take place - this will be open to the public. Please exercise caution if you plan to attend.
 - All committee meetings are cancelled through April 3rd. This includes the following:
 - March 18th Safety Committee
 - March 25th Records Commission
 - March 25th Planning Commission and Design Review Board
 - April 2nd Town Hall
- **Parks and Recreation Programming:**
 - All public programs and facility reservations are cancelled through April 5th.
 - Payments and program files can be submitted electronically utilizing the City's website or mailed to the Parks and Recreation Administration building.
- **Emergency Services:**
 - WHEN CALLING 9-1-1, PLEASE INDICATE WHETHER YOU HAVE FLU-LIKE SYMPTOMS.

- The CDC does not recommend face-masks for non-sick individuals. Masks should be reserved for first responders, medical personnel, and sick individuals.
- Finance/Utilities:
 - The Finance Department will conduct all public business electronically for the foreseeable future. All payments, sign-ups, and inquiries shall be conducted electronically, via phone, or by mail by sending the 417 Main St.
 - P: 419-433-5000 ext. 3
 - E: finance@cityofhuron.org
 - W: <https://www.cityofhuron.org/government/departments/finance-and-taxes>
- Zoning:
 - Operations for Zoning will follow similar protocols to Finance and Utilities.
 - P: 419-433-5000 ext. 103
 - E: zoning@huronohio.us
 - All applications are on the city's website and can be submitted electronically (email above)
 - Payment for outstanding permits can be made over the phone and permits distributed electronically

This is a rapidly evolving situation. The City administration will be closely monitoring and keeping the community updated as best we can. As new information and schedule changes become available, we will stay in constant communication with the community. You can stay up to date by checking the City website and social media accounts. For more information on the virus and the latest public health suggestions check out the following websites:

- [Erie County Health Department](#)
- [The Ohio Department of Health](#)
- [The US Center of Disease Control and Prevention](#)

If you still have questions, contact the Erie County COVID-19 information line at 419-626-5623 ext 284.