



## FROM THE DESK OF THE CITY MANAGER

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The City of Ypsilanti is continuing to closely monitor the COVID-19 outbreak. We are working under the guidance of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services to help slow the transmission of this virus. Our intention is not to overreact, however it is incumbent upon local officials to plan and take necessary precautions to protect residents and staff. The City will be enacting the following measures immediately.

- City Hall and Non-Essential Services closed through April 5th. We will still be responding to calls and emails. We are encouraging the public to handle as much city business as possible via telephone to encourage proper distancing and reduce foot traffic in City Hall.
- Trash and recycling pick up services will continue on schedule.
- Police and fire services will continue. Fire responses for medical calls are limited to reduce risk of exposure and keep staff available for the most critical EMS incidents and fire and rescue related calls (HVA will handle most medical calls)
- The City is strongly encouraging the public to view the City Council Meetings online and to utilize the City website and email for questions. Please direct any and all questions related to City services to [feedback@cityofypsilanti.com](mailto:feedback@cityofypsilanti.com). If you would like to provide public comment at an upcoming Council Meeting please email [ahellenga@cityofypsilanti.com](mailto:ahellenga@cityofypsilanti.com).
- Per Governor Whitmer's Executive Order gatherings of more than 250 people is prohibited. Those who disregard the order will be subject to a misdemeanor that includes up to 90 days in jail or a fine of up to \$200. The Centers for Disease Control has provided a recommendation that all gatherings of more than 50 people be postponed for the next 8 weeks.
- Non-essential programming at Parkridge and the Ypsilanti Senior Center is suspended until further notice. Nutrition and meal programs will continue at both facilities, however any non-essential activities including meetings are canceled. Resources may be found at [cityofypsilanti.com/Covid](http://cityofypsilanti.com/Covid). Please check frequently as the City is actively updating these available resources.
- All Boards and Commissions meetings are canceled through April 5th including the Administrative Hearings Bureau (AHB).
- Governor Gretchen Whitmers newest Executive Order will shut down dine-in services at all bars and restaurants in Michigan effective at 3 p.m. Monday, March 16. The order will close down restaurants, cafes, coffee houses, bars, taverns, brewpubs, distilleries, clubs, movie theaters, indoor and outdoor performance venues, gymnasiums, fitness centers, recreation centers, indoor sports facilities, indoor exercise facilities, exercise studios, spas and casinos. Carryout and delivery services will still be available, along with window service, walk-up service or drive-up service. Per the order, restaurants may allow five people inside at a time to pick up orders, as long as they stay six feet apart from each other. The restrictions will remain in place until Monday, March 30.

Additional information from the State of Michigan may be found [here](#).

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