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City of Beloit Announces Closures, Cancellations & Changes in Light of COVID-19 Outbreak

March 13, 2020 - In light of the COVID-19 outbreak in Wisconsin and Illinois, the City of Beloit is taking the following precautions to limit face-to-face activities and promote social distancing in order to help slow the spread of the COVID-19.

The City of Beloit has made these changes after reviewing information and recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, and the Rock County Health Department.

- **All face-to-face and in-person visits to City Hall and other government buildings are highly discouraged.** We are looking to eliminate the potential exposure at city buildings to protect city staff and the general public. This will also help us maintain our ability to continue providing essential city services. [Please call the respective departments](#) in lieu of coming to a particular department to learn what alternate options there are to conduct business over the phone, email or fax.
- **Grinnell Hall Senior Center** will be closed to the public starting Monday, March 16, to prevent the spread of virus among our most vulnerable population. This closure is until further notice. Pre-packaged meals will be available drive-through style at Grinnell Hall to those who sign up through the Rock County nutrition program. Anyone who has questions about Grinnell Hall's closure can call at 608-364-2875. This closure applies to all programs that were scheduled at Grinnell Hall.
- **Beloit Public Library** will be closed starting Monday, March 16, and will remain closed until further notice. All Beloit Public Library programming has been cancelled.
- **Municipal Court** will remain in session on March 19, 2020. We encourage contact the court for alternatives to appearing in person by calling 608-364-6613.
- **Recycling Drop-Off Center** will be closed Saturday morning and will remain closed until further notice.

- **All Parks & Recreation** programs in March have been cancelled, including volleyball, pickleball, and the St. Patrick's Day pickleball tournament.
- **Event cancellation** for any event or program that is expected to have an attendance of 50 people or more. The City of Beloit is encouraging other organizations in the city to also cancel events of that magnitude.
- **Absentee voting** via mail is highly encouraged to avoid face-to-face contact at the polls on Election Day, which is April 7, 2020. If you haven't registered to vote yet, you can do online at <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/> by March 18, 2020. Absentee ballot requests can be made online at the same location.
- **The Beloit City Council** meeting on Monday, March 16, will continue as scheduled. We will be separating the chairs to discourage close proximity.
- **Water Resources** has suspended its water meter and transmitter replacement project.

In addition to these changes, all work-related travel for City of Beloit employees outside of Rock County has been postponed or cancelled.

Please visit www.beloitwi.gov/covid19 or www.facebook.com/cityofbeloit for the latest information, closures and cancellations from the City of Beloit.

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