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Coronavirus Updates from Greenfield, MA: On Wednesday, March 18, 2020, Greenfield City Offices will close to the public until April 8.

On Friday, Mayor Roxann Wedegartner declared a State of Emergency in the City of Greenfield. This declaration of a state of emergency will facilitate and expedite the use of City resources to protect you, your family and the citizens of Greenfield from the impacts of the spread of COVID-19. On Sunday, Governor Baker released sweeping guidelines to limit gatherings and face to face contacts, and ordered all schools to close for 3 weeks.

Our City's Emergency response team, made up of the city's Public Safety, School, Technology, and Health senior staff, met this morning, in order to review the City's response.

The City of Greenfield's Response to date:

- As of Wednesday, City Hall, 20 Sanderson Street, and the Economic Development Offices are closed to the public until April 8.
- Staff is to report to work, and the public is encouraged to use online resources or call for assistance.
- The main City phone number is 413-772-1500, and most of the services for residents, including excise tax, property tax and paying of parking fines, are found under the tab labeled "residents" on Greenfield-ma.gov.
- People in need of licensing commission applications should call to have forms emailed or mailed.

- Most of the City Clerk's office duties can be done on the phone or online. Marriage intents can be done by appointment.
- Greenfield Public Schools are closed for 3 weeks. The schools are providing Grab & Go meals for youth ages 18 and under between 11 and 1, weekdays. As of the time of this press release, the locations are Newton School, Greenfield High School and Greenfield Middle School.
- Greenfield Council on Aging is closed until April 8.
- Greenfield Public Library is closed to the public until April 8.
- The DPW Wastewater Tours are cancelled until further notice.
- The DPW's transfer station and curbside solid waste pickup remain open and on schedule.
- Greenfield Recreation events are cancelled until further notice.
- Inspections Department will continue most external and pre-occupancy inspections, as well as all Fire inspections. Other inspections will be case by case basis.
- The Health Department is a key stakeholder in the COVID-19 response, and will be continuing to field phone calls from the public. They will also work on a modified inspection schedule.
- Greenfield's Public Schools and Public Safety Divisions have been coordinating with other towns in the county to collaborate and to aid one another.
- Information Technology upgrades have been implemented to make remote access to Board, Commission, City Council and School Committee Meetings easier.
- City will be setting up a hotline for COVID-19 in the next week.

Citizens should call the City Department they wish to do business with for assistance. Until the new hotline is ready, questions about the COVID-19 response can go to the Health Department at 413-772-1404 or the Mayor's office at 413-772-1560.

The City is also revamping communication efforts, and re-launched both the Mayor of Greenfield Facebook Page and a page for Mayor Roxann Wedegartner. There is also a unified social media policy where all city departments will be sharing the same important COVID-19 response updates.

The emergency response professionals at the City also remind the residents of Greenfield to get their news and updates to this pandemic from reputable sources, such as the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, The Center for Disease Control, or the World Health Organization.