

# **COVID-19 UPDATE MARCH 18, 2020**

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Greetings, Village of Midlothian Residents and Customers:

The safety of our residents, employees and customers is the Village of Midlothian's top priority and we are taking actions to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 (coronavirus). We will work closely with local, state and federal agencies to monitor the situation and respond in accordance.

Recently, President Trump issued new guidelines to help slow the spread of the COVID-19. In addition, Governor Pritzker has issued Executive Order Number 7 which imposes mandated closure of on-site consumption for restaurants and bars and imposed the new attendance figure of greater than 50 participants for event cancellation.

In response to the rapidly changing news related to the spread of the Coronavirus, the Village of Midlothian will implement the following safety measures:

- **NO PUBLIC ACCESS TO MUNICIPAL FACILITIES – Effective Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>.** To help promote social distancing, the public will not be allowed access to municipal facilities.
  - Village staff will remain available during regular hours of operations to answer calls at 708-389-0200.
  - Residents and customers that require in-person service should call in advance to make an appointment.
- **March 25th Board Meeting will be closed to the Public** – However, the meeting will be streamed live on Facebook. The scheduling of future meetings is subject to change and will be posted on the Village website and Facebook page.
- **Cancellation of ALL Village Sponsored Events** – All events and room rentals scheduled at municipal facilities are cancelled until April 3rd. We will re-evaluate the current conditions at that time.
- **Water Service Payments** – We're asking Residents to pay their water bills online by visiting the Village's website or payments can be placed inside the drop box located outside the Village Hall (14801 S. Pulaski Road). ***Until further notice, the Village will not disconnect residential water service.***
- **Meter Installation** – Until further notice the Public Works Department is suspending all meter installations, in-home testing, and any other person to person contact with residents.
- **Limited Inspections** – Until further notice the Building Department will only conduct emergency inspections, exterior property maintenance inspections and limited commercial inspections.

- The Village is delaying the following: in-house appointments, including rental inspections, residential building permits, interior property maintenance and other in-home / interior confined quarters inspections will be postponed until further notice. Emergency repairs are authorized but please notify the Building Department.
- **Police and Fire Departments** – Midlothian Police and Fire Departments are considered essential personnel services. These Departments have implemented measures to help protect their staff and residents. Therefore, residents should continue to utilize emergency services as needed.
- **COVID-19 News and Information** – Residents and employees should refer to reliable sources for accurate information.
- Illinois Department of Public Health – COVID -19 resources: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/faq.html>
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention – COVID – 19 resources: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>
- City of Chicago – COVID- 19 – resources: <https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/sites/covid-19/home.html>
- **General Questions** – For general questions about COVID-19, residents and staff should contact the Illinois Department of Public Health COVID-19 Hotline at 1-800-889-3931 or email [sick@illinois.gov](mailto:sick@illinois.gov).

As news related to COVID-19 changes we will review and adjust the measures we have implemented. If you have questions please contact the Village of Midlothian Administration Department at 708-389-0200.

Stay safe, stay smart & stay kind!

Most Sincerely,



**Gary L'Heureux**

Village President

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