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Update on City of Des Plaines COVID-19 Precautions

DES PLAINES, Illinois (March 18, 2020) – Des Plaines City Hall will be closed to the general public beginning today, March 18, at 5:00 P.M.

Residents are strongly encouraged to conduct city-related business online, by email, or by phone. This will allow staff to concentrate on essential services and operations as they work to address the impact of COVID-19 on daily operations. Customers can pay water utility bills online by visiting desplaines.org/payutilitybills. Community members can also subscribe to receive important email updates by visiting desplaines.org/mycity. Contact information for specific departments is also available at desplaines.org/AtoZ.

With a preparedness plan already in place, the City's main objective is to protect its staff, ensure continuity of operations, and take all responsible actions necessary to help prevent exposure in the workplace. Closing City Hall to the general public, at this point in time, places the City in line with federal and state crisis plans to manage and mitigate the spread of the Coronavirus.

Des Plaines continues to encourage community members to practice preventative measures such as frequent hand washing, avoiding large public gatherings of 50 people or more, and staying home when you are experiencing signs of becoming sick. A dedicated, informational web page has been created on the City's website to share COVID-19 updates, communications, and resources. The page can be accessed by visiting desplaines.org/cityupdates.

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