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PSA: “Stay Home” Extension and Reopening Plans

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With the signing of [Executive Order 2020-77](#), Governor Gretchen Whitmer has extended Michigan’s “Stay Home, Stay Safe” order through Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 11:59pm. This means that non-essential travel and activities will continue to be prohibited during this time. Additionally, this new order allows manufacturing workers, including those at Michigan’s Big 3 auto companies, to resume work as part of the [MI Safe Start Plan](#).

As this crisis endures while guidelines continue to evolve, it is vital to note the importance of maintaining the safety practices we have gotten used to over these past couple months. Collectively, we are slowing the spread of the COVID-19 virus, flattening the curve, and saving lives. Now is not the time to let up on our mitigation strategies. We need to continue to stay home as much as possible, social distance when needed, and wear masks when out in public.

In addition to following the State of Michigan’s coronavirus guidelines and communicating them out to residents as they come in, City of Oak Park leadership and staff members have put together a preparedness plan for reopening City buildings for when that time comes. The plan focuses on carefully reopening City Hall, the Library, and other City buildings so that both residents and staff members are as safe and secure as possible.

The plan puts in place internal policies for Oak Park employees to follow to minimize health and safety risks, such as daily temperature screenings, enhanced cleaning practices, and some remote work continuation. The plan also outlines processes and procedures that the public will be asked to follow, such as entering and exiting City Hall at specified locations, wearing masks inside all City buildings, and staying at least six feet apart when at clerk counters. Still, we do encourage residents and business owners to utilize our online payment options or the dropbox so that both non-essential travel and human interactions can remain at a minimum.

As this is a rapidly-evolving situation, with critical updates happening daily or even hourly, we encourage our residents to continue to stay tuned to the City’s social media pages and [website](#) for the most pertinent and accurate local coverage of this pandemic.

Together, we can continue to slow the spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus.