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Public Service Announcement: Update on COVID-19 and Extension of “Stay Home” Order

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With the signing of [Executive Order 2020-42](#), Governor Gretchen Whitmer has extended Michigan’s “Stay Home, Stay Safe” order through Thursday, April 30, 2020 at 11:59pm. This means that non-essential travel and activities will continue to be prohibited during this time. This new order also imposes more stringent rules on essential businesses, such as putting a limit on foot traffic and ensuring social distancing guidelines are being followed.

The extension of this stay-at-home order is an affirmation that social distancing, self-quarantining, and limiting travel is working for us. Collectively, we are slowing the spread of the COVID-19 virus, flattening the curve, and saving lives – even if it may not feel like it. Now is not the time to let up on our mitigation strategies. Instead, we need to double down.

As such, the City of Oak Park will continue to keep City buildings closed to the public for as long as the “Stay Home” order is in place. This means that all in-person activities, events, classes, and rentals affiliated with the City will be postponed or cancelled during this time, including Board and Commission meetings.

For as long as the closure of City Hall persists, we ask that residents utilize our online payment options or the City’s dropbox. We are committed to lessening the stress and inconvenience this pandemic is having on our residents, so we will continue to waive online transaction fees, suspend all late fees and penalties, and halt all water shutoffs.

Still, residents should know that the City’s essential functions such as those that fall within the Public Safety and Public Works Departments will continue to be fully operational.

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.

Together, we can stop the spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus.