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Governor Whitmer Extends Stay Home, Stay Safe Order Through April 30

APRIL 10, 2020 SAGINAW, MI – Governor Whitmer has signed Executive Order 2020-42, extending her prior “Stay Home, Stay Safe” order through the end of April. As with the prior order, Executive Order 2020-42 limits gatherings and travel and requires all workers who are not necessary to sustain or protect life to stay home. Executive Order 2020-42 also imposes more stringent limitations on stores to reduce foot traffic and slow the spread of the coronavirus. A copy of the Order can be found at: https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/MIEOG/2020/04/09/file_attachments/1423850/EO%202020-42.pdf

Necessary government activities include activities performed by “critical infrastructure workers,” including workers in law enforcement, public safety, and first responders. Such activities also include, but are not limited to, public transit, trash pick-up and disposal, election activities, operations necessary to enable transactions that support the work of a business’s or operation’s critical infrastructure workers, and the maintenance of safe and sanitary public parks.

Since the original “Stay Home, Stay Safe” order went into effect on March 24, the City of Saginaw has continued essential services for its citizens; however, with limited

staffing. The City will continue to maintain basic operations that are necessary to sustain or protect life in our city. All operations maintaining in-person activities must adopt social distancing practices and other mitigation measures to protect employees and citizens.

City Manager Tim Morales commented, "We want to remind citizens that we all must continue to take this order seriously to stop community spread of COVID-19. We are at a critical point in our fight to stop the spread of this virus, and we must follow the governor's order. I urge the residents to act responsibly, stay home except for exercise and other essential activities, and practice social distancing at all times. We want to ensure our citizens that they will still have access to essential services needed to keep our community healthy and safe."

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Will Police and Fire services still be available?

Yes, Police and Fire personnel will still be available to serve and protect our citizens.

1. Are City Parks open to the public?

The City of Saginaw has closed vehicle access to all city maintained parks and playground equipment until further notice. Residents are allowed to walk through our city parks and trails for outdoor exercise as outlined in Executive Order 2020-42. The order issued by Governor Whitmer includes civil penalties and fines for citizens convicted of disobeying the state's stay-at-home order. The Saginaw Police Department will be patrolling the parks and enforcing the order.

2. What about water and utility services?

When making payments, citizens are advised to use online options, pay-by-phone, or the payment drop box located in the back of City Hall. Visit www.saginaw-mi.com for information regarding payment options. During this time, city staff will be limited and only available to assist with emergency turn-ons and emergency shut-offs.

3. Will waste collection continue during this time?

Yes, all trash collection will continue for City of Saginaw residents. Citizens should continue to put their trash out by 7am on their scheduled collection day.

4. What services are impacted?

- a. All Recycling will resume April 13
- b. Spring yard waste collection will resume April 13
- c. All bulk collection services (which is anything NOT contained in a bag or a can) will be SUSPENDED until further notice
- d. The City's Compost site will be closed to the public until April 30
- e. The City's Convenience Station will be closed until Saturday, May 9

5. Will someone be available to assist with other public services?

Yes, staff will be available in a limited capacity to maintain the quality of our streets, traffic and parks. Citizens can call (989) 759-1776 for Public Services requests.

6. Will water treatment still continue?

Yes, this is an essential service for our citizens and we are well-prepared to continue providing water service throughout this pandemic. We will have staff and infrastructure in place to maintain water service around the clock to help keep families healthy, clean and hydrated. We are taking action to protect our staff and maintain our ability to provide the safe reliable source of water needed.

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