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City of Saginaw Reminds Residents to Stay Home, Stay Safe

MARCH 24, 2020 SAGINAW, MI – Governor Whitmer has issued Executive Order 2020-21 which provides that all in-person government activities that are not necessary to sustain or protect life, are suspended through April 13, 2020 at 11:59pm. A copy of the Order can be found at: https://www.michigan.gov/whitmer/0,9309,7-387-90499_90705-522626--,00.html.

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.

During this time, citizens can be assured that essential city services will continue. The City of Saginaw is committed to maintaining 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. The Order shall be in effect March 24, 2020 12:01am through April 13, 2020 11:59 pm.

City Manager Tim Morales commented, "It is important that we 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. This order should not cause panic, and I urge the residents to act responsibly. 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.

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. Effective April 1, 2020, all bulk collection services (which is anything NOT contained in a bag or a can) will be **SUSPENDED** until further notice
- b. All Recycling will be **SUSPENDED** until the week of April 13
- c. Spring yard waste collection will be **DELAYED** until the week of April 13
- d. The City's Compost site will be closed to the public until the week of April 13
- 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.