



City of Oak Park Heights

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COVID-19 Update – City of Oak Park Heights

RE: Public UPDATE # 11 – May 15thst, 2020

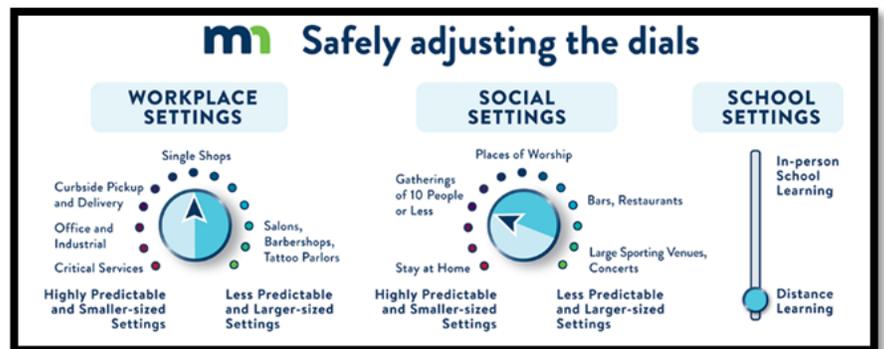
From: Eric Johnson, City Administrator

The City Hall will remain closed to visitors through at least June 1st as – like many firms- we are reviewing the new rules and requirements as to how we can best operate safely and in also be in compliance with new guidelines; however, the City's CORE SERVICES remain largely operational; Here are some updates from the City:

• The City Offices are **OPEN via telephone and email** and most operations are proceeding to a great extent. The City's general phone line remains open from 8 am to 4:30 pm - Mon-Fri; due to the call forwarding feature; we only have one incoming-line-- so you may – on occasion - receive a busy signal or it will roll to voice-mail. Please call back in a couple of minutes and we can address your needs. **651-439-4439**.

• Governor Walz & State of MN has an ONLINE PORTAL that contains a number of State updates. <https://mn.gov/covid19/> including the most recent order E.O.# 20-56 that begins to lift some Stay at Home restrictions. This is an image from the State Dashboard →

The City seeks solid compliance by the general public with these new protocols so as to continue to protect our community and all its members. Please reach out to us at City Hall if you have any questions.



• Fall Elections will come quickly and the City Hall is a polling place; we are looking into how the COVID-19 may impact that process and operations. Absentee Voting can be an option for you if you have concerns. There will be two elections this fall: the August 11 Primary and the November 3 General Election. To help provide options, we are encouraging voters to vote by mail using an absentee ballot. To request an absentee ballot, visit <https://www.sos.state.mn.us/media/2444/english-regular-absentee-ballot-application.pdf> to download an application to have a ballot sent to you. You can return the application to the Washington County Elections Division by phone, fax or email: 651-430-6175 / Fax: 651-430-6178 / Email: elections@co.washington.mn.us

• The City Council and City Commissions continue to function utilizing ELECTRONIC METHODS for meetings, such as ZOOM or telephone. We expect to continue to involve the public in these processes but must rely on this available technology to make this happen. If you would like to watch these meetings and/or participate in planned Public Hearings, please reach out to the City Clerk Jenni Pinski at jpinski@cityofoakparkheights.com

The City's CORE FUNCTIONS of public service delivery regardless of the situation shall be maintained:

1. Ensuring water is delivered to homes and hydrants,
2. That sanitary sewers and sanitary sewer lift stations remain operational
3. Streets remain plowed, and
4. Police/EMS/FIRE services remain intact and functional
5. We expect regular building Permit Issuances and Garbage and Recyclable pick-up to continue.

Should there be any changes related to the City's ability to deliver these CORE SERVICES we will post them on the City's Website which can be found at www.cityofoakparkheights.com and links will be placed on Facebook. One can always call City Hall at 651-439-4439 if you have any specific questions or need guidance on securing other aid. We will do our best to respond.

• City Parks and Trails remain open, but park shelter restrooms will remain closed for the foreseeable future.