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City of Evart Announces COVID-19 Mitigation Measures

There is no intention on our part to overreact to the Coronavirus (COVID-19). However, it is our duty as your local officials to plan for the potential community transmission of the COVID-19 and to take the necessary precautions to protect our residents and staff, and to take the necessary action to slow the transmission of this virus.

At the recommendation of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Governor Whitmer’s Emergency Declaration and local public safety and emergency management officials, the City of Evart is limiting certain operations to mitigate risks of the COVID-19 virus. The following operational changes will be effective until April 5, 2020, when at that time we will reassess any potential changes.

1. All City Residents are discouraged from conducting business within city hall that can otherwise be conducted via U.S. Mail, our drop box locations or online at www.evart.org. City night drop boxes will be processed continually. Elderly and at-risk populations should avoid city hall.

2. City Council Meeting, Monday, March 16, 2020 has been cancelled.

3. At this time, city offices will remain open.

4. Police and Fire Operations are coordinating response plans for potential COVID 19 contact with emergency response agencies and healthcare agencies from across the County.

5. City Administration will be taking measures to afford paid sick time to employees whom may become exposed to COVID-19. All City personnel will err on the side of caution.

6. Scheduled water meter appointments entering private property will be paused.

7. Recycling bins will only be available at our Water & Wastewater Treatment Plant located at 611 West 10th Street Evart, MI 49631 during normal business hours.

These Mitigation Measures have been reviewed and endorsed by our Osceola County Emergency Management Director. For any further questions regarding City operational changes please contact city hall or City Manager Sarah Dvoracek at 231-580-6516.