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Business Development

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Special eNews: Highland Park Closes Municipal Buildings to the Public, effective March 16

In response to guidance from the Illinois Department of Public Health regarding the most effective strategies to prevent the spread of illness, particularly among the most vulnerable, the City of Highland Park has taken the proactive step of closing all municipal buildings to the public effective March 16. Essential public administrative services will be continue to be offered in a limited capacity from the Highland Park Police Department. There will be no reduction or changes to services for critical emergency services, water distribution, or refuse collection.

Additionally, Mayor Nancy Rotering has called an emergency meeting for Saturday, March 14, 12:00pm at City Hall. The City Council will consider an ordinance regarding emergency management and disaster authority in response to the developing coronavirus situation. The meeting will be live-streamed on the City's website. Additional information is available in the City's [press release](#).

Small Business Administration Disaster Assistance Loans

The Small Business Administration (SBA) will be providing disaster assistance loans to help businesses through any disruption that may be caused by the coronavirus. Please [click here](#) for details and additional information.

Closures in Highland Park

The City of Highland Park is in close communication with the Lake County Health Department and federal and state agencies to actively monitor developments regarding [coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#). Public health and safety are the City's highest priorities. The City is taking proactive steps to protect

all residents with a focus on most vulnerable residents at this time.

The City has compiled a [list of cancellations and closures](#) on its website. These are precautionary actions intended to prevent the spread of illness. This page will be updated with additional information regarding cancellations and closures in Highland Park as information becomes available.

COVID-19 Community Resources

The City is compiling a list of resources for community members who are practicing social distancing, staying home and limiting time in public spaces and contact with others, in an effort to reduce the spread of illness. To support local businesses and assist residents throughout this time, the City invites business owners to share information about any goods they are able to deliver to residents who are staying home as much as possible. Please email Business Development Manager Carolyn Hersch at chersch@cityhpil.com with information about any delivery services you may provide, how to order, and details as to how you will be able to accommodate these orders.

COVID-19 Guidance for Employers

Employers play a key role in promoting healthy communities. The CDC recommends that employers encourage sick employees to stay home, especially if they have had a fever of 100.4°F or higher. Employees should be symptom-free for at least 24 hours before returning to work. For additional best practices, the CDC offers [guidance for an informed response from employers](#). The Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH) has prepared a useful [fact sheet for businesses and employers](#).

The CDC provides [updates for business and leisure travelers](#) as information becomes available. View CDC's specific guidance for travelers at <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices/warning/novel-coronavirus-china>.

[Special guidance for healthcare professionals](#) is also available.

For more information on the City's response to COVID-19, contact the City's Communications Manager Amanda Civitello at acivitello@cityhpil.com or 847.926.1043.

For general business inquiries, contact the City's Business Development Manager Carolyn Hersch at chersch@cityhpil.com or 847.926.1027.

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