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Good morning colleagues,

I know you have heard this from me before, but truly it can't be said enough – thank you! It is a pleasure to work with an incredible team who has managed the current unprecedented challenges so well.

The purpose of this communication is to share an update on City operations. For the preservation of public health and safety throughout the State of Illinois and to ensure that our healthcare delivery system is capable of serving those who are sick, Governor Pritzker extended the State of Illinois stay-at-home order through April 30, 2020. As a result, the City's current limited operations are planned to continue through the duration of the stay-at-home order. Should the stay-at-home order either be lifted early or extended, we will communicate any associated changes in City operations as soon as possible.

The City's current COVID-19 Workplace Policy remains in effect, although we are continuing to evaluate all aspects of City operations and any changes to the City's current COVID-19 Workplace Policy will be communicated with all staff. As a reminder, City policies and prior communication related to COVID-19 are available on the Human Resources page of the City Website [here](#).

In light of the recent change in guidance from the CDC encouraging the usage of cloth face coverings in settings where other social distancing measures are difficult, employees are welcome to wear a face covering when working. Information is available on the use of cloth masks on the CDC's website [here](#). This does not pertain to the City's emergency responders who have other approved personal protective equipment.

In other news, please join me in congratulating Deputy Chief Bonaguidi, Commander Jenny Olson and Sergeant Steve Neuman on their promotions, as well as Officer Matt Shaughnessy who joined the CHP team. The ceremony can be viewed on the City's Facebook page. Information about their professional backgrounds and photos from the event will be in the Messenger. We will conduct a more traditional ceremony and celebration in the future. *Congratulations!*

A friendly reminder to sign up for the City's enews which is issued every Tuesday and Friday and includes a wealth of information from the City, as well as our partner agencies. The City's web site is also updated daily, and we are posting on social media daily as well.

As always, if you have any questions please don't hesitate to reach out to your supervisor, department director, human resources or me. My best wishes to you and your families for good health.

All the best –

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