

Dear Resident of Long Grove:

I am sure that by now you are aware of the COVID-19 virus, also known as the Corona virus, along with the associated response and precautions to try to contain the virus and minimize risk to the public. Information regarding COVID-19 is fluid and it may change frequently so I have been attending, and will continue to attend, daily briefings with the Scott County Emergency Management Agency, local health officials, and mayors from around the Quad-Cities region. It is our mission to ensure the information that we pass along to the public within our communities is consistent and factual, but as just stated this information may change quickly as additional information is learned about this virus. Precautions are being urged at the County, State, and Federal levels and it is best to follow the recommendations that will be mentioned in the last two pages of this letter. At this time there are no known cases of the virus in Scott County and heeding the CDC recommendation will help to mitigate the spread of the virus should any cases arise in our community.

Today, March 17, the Governor issued a proclamation of a "State of Public Health Disaster Emergency", which in part will cause local restaurant and beverage establishments to close doors for the next 30 days to restrict public or social gatherings of 10 or more individuals. These establishments may still provide food services, but they are limited to carry out or drive-up service. Please call any local establishment to see how they are adjusting to this order. The proclamation is very detailed and can be found on the State of Iowa website at <https://www.iowa.gov/press-release/gov-reynolds-issues-state-public-health-disaster-emergency>. It is also posted in full on the front window and drive-up window at City Hall.

Currently, and until further notice, the City of Long Grove will follow the recommendations set forth by the Center for Disease Control (CDC), along with the governmental agencies listed above. City Hall will be closed to the public, but the City will still conduct day-to-day business without direct public interaction. The City is accommodating remote work capabilities for City employees, and City employees will still perform onsite tasks as needed. Calls to City Hall will still be answered during normal business hours. The March Council meeting has already taken place, but future meetings will be on hold until restrictions on public or social gatherings have been lifted.

The Long Grove Civic League has canceled all events at the Community Center throughout the month of March and into the first half of April. This may extend further into April depending on the recommendations set forth by the agencies listed above. Additional information regarding the Community Center can be directed to Joni Schneider at (563) 285-5829. I have included a message from Joni at the end of my letter.

I have been in contact with Long Grove Fire Department Chief, Josh Roe, and we will be sure to provide updates to each other as new details emerge from our meetings.

My wife, Pat, has volunteered to run errands for our senior citizen residents, especially those who are 70 years of age and older as they are the most susceptible to COVID-19. The errands will be primarily to the grocery store for food or to the pharmacy for medications. She is planning on making a once a day trip and would like to have any requests for errands called in to City Hall at (563) 285-4904 by noon each day. You will only need to provide your name, phone number, and address to Rose or Pam. Pat will

then contact you and make arrangements with you to help you obtain the items that you need. If anyone would like to assist Pat with her volunteer efforts to assist our senior citizens during this time, please contact City Hall.

Additionally, Genesis Care Connect is offering a service to call and speak with a registered nurse 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The phone number is (563) 421-2273. More information can be found on the Genesis Health System website at www.genesishealth.com.

It is important that we all try to maintain as much normality to our daily lives as possible. The precautions and recommendations set forth in the Governor's proclamation or by the CDC and governmental agencies are not meant to create fear or panic, but rather to try to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Let's hope and pray that this event passes quickly and we can return to our everyday activities as soon as possible. I encourage everyone to check the City's website daily for updates as information will change and the website will be the most efficient medium to pass along this information.

Warmest regards,

Michael Limberg
Mayor

Letter from Joni Schneider:

Dear People of Long Grove,

Due to the current circumstances and based on Governor Reynolds' mandates, we will be closing the Long Grove Community Building for at least 30 days, aligning with our local school closures. We are sorry for the inconvenience, and we hope you understand that the health and welfare of our community is a top priority for us. Our manager is working to reschedule reservations during the time frame of the closure.

At this time we have not made plans to cancel the Strawberry Festival and race, we are optimistic that by June 14th the situation will be improved and we will still be able to have our celebration. To help with our preparations, we would appreciate everyone taking the time to fill out a quick survey. It will help us with our planning and organizing for our event. The survey link can be found on the City of Long Grove website at

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfr3jDdYt4_S_ADtB4hVpi8XWftUjG2bdy3KqxDV9pW7OgEYA/viewform

Thank you,

Joni Kuehl-Schneider
LG Civic League President

Quad Cities COVID-19 Update

3/17/2020

Due to a global increase in COVID-19, a coalition of Quad Cities area health, business, government and emergency management officials have united to assess our regional situation and provide recommendations on how to minimize the risk for community spread. We understand this is an evolving situation and there are concerns in the community. We want to address your concerns with factual information.

At this point in time there are no known cases of COVID-19 in the Quad Cities area. However, it's likely there will be COVID-19 cases in our community in the future. With that in mind, we come together to provide reassurance to the community that we are prepared. We are monitoring this situation and are implementing emergency response plans.

Our goals are to:

- slow the spread of COVID-19 in our community
- avoid overwhelming our medical health care resources
- provide regular updates of factual information to the community

As a community, we need your help.

Our recommendations are:

- **Consider avoiding social gatherings/community events** where you cannot maintain a 6-foot space between you and others. Organizations are encouraged to postpone social gatherings/ community events of 10 people or more.
- If you have COVID-19 symptoms (fever, cough, shortness of breath), **call ahead to your medical provider or a local walk-in clinic**. Please do not show up to a medical facility or emergency room without calling ahead.
- **Stay home if you are sick.**
- If you are considering travel, **monitor the spread of COVID-19 at your destination and along your route**. If COVID-19 is spreading at your destination, you may be at higher risk of exposure if you travel there.

You can take these steps to protect yourself:

- Clean your hands often
 - Avoid close contact
 - Stay home if you're sick
 - Cover coughs and sneezes
 - Clean and disinfect
 - Make sure you have the medical supplies you need for self-care
- Please note: Older adults and/or those with chronic disease are at higher risk for serious illness related to COVID-19. This is especially important when considering social distancing and travel.

The Quad Cities COVID-19 Coalition will continue to meet regularly and issue statements to the public as needed.

For further information, please see:

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- Illinois Department of Public Health: <http://www.dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/diseases-and-conditions/diseases-a-z-list/coronavirus>
- Iowa Department of Public Health: <https://idph.iowa.gov/Emerging-Health-Issues/Novel-Coronavirus>
- Illinois COVID-19 Hotline: 1-800-889-3931 and DPH.SICK@illinois.gov
- Iowa COVID-19 Hotline: Call 2-1-1

Members of the Quad Cities COVID-19 Coalition include:

- Scott County and Rock Island County Emergency Management Agencies
- Rock Island and Scott County Health Departments
- Genesis Health System, UnityPoint Health - Trinity, Community Health Care, Inc., and MEDIC EMS
- Quad Cities Chamber and Visit Quad Cities
- City of Bettendorf
- City of Buffalo
- City of Davenport
- City of Dixon
- City of Donahue
- City of East Moline
- City of Eldridge
- City of LeClaire
- City of Long Grove
- City of Moline
- City of Panorama Park
- City of Princeton
- City of Riverdale
- City of Rock Island
- City of Walcott
- Rock Island County
- Scott County
- Bi-State Regional Commission