



Greetings from the Mayor's Office,

As members of this great community and as Americans, we have all been asked to make swift and dramatic changes to our lives. These actions will help minimize the likelihood of contracting COVID-19 and reduce the risk of spreading the virus.

We have all been asked to avoid large public gatherings. Many functions and events have been postponed or cancelled. Our city government, schools, places of business and even houses of worship have been affected by the need to reduce direct person-to-person contact.

I know that things are a bit unsettling at this time and many of our residents question if these extreme measures are necessary and how long they will remain in place.

I can assure you, as my administrative team and I consult with health care and public safety professionals locally, regionally and nationally, there is a strong consensus that these measures are necessary. As such, these restrictions on our daily lives are intended to keep as many people as possible safe and free from the COVID-19 virus

It is very important that we all do our part for the greater good and well-being of our families and community.

Things will remain fluid for some time. So, please check our website for the latest links to reliable information from the White House COVID-19 Taskforce, Center for Disease Control and the Wayne County Health Department.

As a City, public safety is our primary responsibility. But, we also stand committed to remaining accessible to our residents.

Effective tomorrow, March 19th, residents who normally visit City Hall for paying bills or to deliver city related paperwork will be asked to use our 24 hour DROP BOX located to the right of our entrance doors.

The City Hall vestibule will remain open during regular business hours with Departmental phone numbers listed for any other City Hall business that our residents may have.

A staff member will answer the phone and try to provide the information requested. Each department will decide if the issue warrants a person-to-person meeting. If a person-to-person meeting does take place all prescribed social distancing protocols will be followed.

These are challenging times. We must all take precautions to keep our residents and employees safe.

But as municipal employees and elected officials we must all continue to serve the needs of our residents. Local government should not cease operating especially in times of a crisis. We must continue to be available and accessible.

These changes in our regular access and protocol are again temporary.

We will continue to monitor the situation and return to normal access as soon as possible.

To assist our business community, please look for the black and yellow "OPEN FOR PICK-UP" signs at our local restaurants. These eateries are open to serve your carry out needs. Also look for a complete list of our Southgate restaurants with contact information on the main page of our website.

Together we will make it through these trying times. But our success will be enhanced if we take the necessary precautions now.

These changes to our day-to-day procedures will assist with that effort and still allow our residents access to their government.

May God Bless each of you, the City of Southgate and this great nation.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'JKuspa', written in a cursive style.

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