City of Edwardsville
Third Oldest City in Illinois

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The City of Edwardsville continues to monitor updates from multiple agencies on the status of the COVID-19 outbreak. As of Wednesday afternoon, Illinois is reporting 19 deaths, 1865 confirmed cases and 3 cases still reported in Madison County.   St. Clair County is reporting 7 confirmed cases, Clinton County 4, Monroe County 2 and Washington County 1.

A City Coalition has been created in an effort to streamline communication, minimize oversights and duplication of efforts. The Edwardsville YMCA, the Edwardsville Public Library and Main Street Community Center are working together to help connect the needs of non-profit organizations with community resources.

- Area nonprofits are encouraged to contact Natasha Howard at nhoward@edwymca.com

- Groups and individuals interested in volunteering or donating to this effort should contact Jessica Johnson at jjohnson@edwymca.com

More helpful information is available on the City's website at www.cityofedwardsville.com; information and links specific to the COVID-19 outbreak can be found at www.cityofedwardsville.com/coronavirus. Below is a summary of current City operations:

- While the City of Edwardsville Parks remain closed, the walking paths and trails are available for use. The playgrounds, restrooms, drinking fountains, pavilions, basketball courts, volleyball courts, and baseball/softball fields will remain closed at this time.

- The Madison County Transit (MCT) bicycle/walking trails remain open for public access.

- Edwardsville Community School District 7 has announced it will keep schools closed through April 7. The following week is the scheduled spring break, effectively closing the District until **April 14.**

- Public Works Building is open in the front lobby only for drop-off of documents. Commercial inspections remain active until further notice.

- Republic Services trash pickup continues under its normal routes; however, large item pick-up services are suspended until further notice.

- Residents are strongly urged to pay extra attention to what they are using and flushing. **Do not flush anything other than toilet paper.** Products billed as "flushable" baby wipes can still create significant problems in the sewer system.

- City Hall is closed to the public but staffed. City payments can be made online or in the drop box on the side of the building.

- The City Council meetings will continue to be streamed on Facebook and transmitted over ECTV Channel 993. The City will provide recordings of each meeting that will be available that can be requested from the City Clerk's office.

- All committee and board meetings are cancelled until April 2, when the Administrative and Community Services Committee will meet at 5:30 in the Wildey Theatre. The public may attend but will be limited to a total of 10 present; citizens are urged to submit the questions and comments electronically.

  - publiccomment@cityofedwardsville.com
  - Public comment Voicemail 618-307-1715

- The Public Library remains closed. For information, call 618-692-7556 or email info@edwpl.org. E-books, audiobooks, movies and music are always available online through the Library's website and free apps. Visit https://www.edwardsvillelibrary.org/ebooks-and-more.

- The Public Safety Building front lobby only is open to the public. Fire houses are closed to the public but staffed for emergency response.

- To minimize inherent risks to Edwardsville police officers and the public that are presented with COVID-19, some changes for reporting procedures to Edwardsville PD have been implemented. If you need police services that are non-emergency in nature, please call the Edwardsville Police Department at (618) 656-2131.

- The Governor's office through the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity has provided a helpline for guidance on business compliance with Executive Order 2020-10. **Business owners with questions about whether they are essential or non-essential should contact the DCEO helpline at 1-800-252-2923 or by email at CEO.support@illinois.gov.**

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