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 Monday afternoon, Illinois is reporting 73 deaths, 5,057 confirmed positive cases and 13 cases reported in Madison County.   St. Clair County is reporting 36 confirmed cases (including 3 death), Clinton County 6, Monroe County 3, Bond County 1, and Washington County 1. Illinois has tested 30,446 suspected COVID-19 patients.

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. More information on Illinois updates can be found at coronavirus.illinois.gov/s/. Below is a summary of current City operations:

- The City of Edwardsville's Feed the Community Program continues to collect checks, cash or gift cards; call the City Clerk's office at 618-692-7500 to arrange for the donations.

- A City Coalition has been created in an effort to streamline communication, and minimize oversights and duplication of efforts. 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

- All committee and board meetings are cancelled until April 2, when the Administrative and Community Services Committee will meet at 5:30 p.m. in the Wildey Theatre, 252 N. Main St. in the auditorium. The public may attend but will be limited to a total of 10 present; citizens are urged to submit their questions and comments electronically.

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

- 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.

- Public Works Building is **closed** to the public. 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 is staffed during regular business hours. 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.

- 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 Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) is working with partners to launch emergency assistance programs for Illinois small businesses.   Information on the three programs can be found on the DCEO website at www2.illinois.gov/dceo.

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