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Mayor

Coronavirus letter to the Community from the Mayor

Dear Schuyler City Residents,

As you are surely aware, Coronavirus has rapidly spread worldwide recently and has inevitably breached the Schuyler community. The City of Schuyler has emergency management policies and procedures in place and City personnel are prepared to take necessary actions towards maintaining daily operations with priority on public safety.

While it is uncertain what circumstances may arise as events unfold, we would like to express to citizens that we do not expect any interruption of City services, although some might need to be altered in the way we provide them. Police and Fire will continue to put public safety as the top priority. We will, however, be taking precautionary measures to ensure the health and safety of our employees and community. If you have symptoms, have a history of possible exposure, or are part of a vulnerable population we may ask you some additional questions and request additional protective measures such as asking you to distance yourself, or even wear a mask while we serve you. We ask that each of our citizens and visitors respect our efforts and follow the hygiene efforts listed below to combat this and many other viral threats.

It is of paramount importance that citizens be educated and proactive in measures that can slow the spread of COVID19 in our community. Key public prevention measures include:

- Clean your hands often with soap and water or alcohol-based hand rub
- Avoid close contact with anyone who is experiencing flu-like symptoms
- Cover your mouth when coughing or sneezing
- Avoid touching your mouth, nose, and eyes
- If you are experiencing symptoms, stay home
- Avoid frequenting public spaces when possible
- Practice social distancing measures
- When possible, opt-out of elective public events

It is critically important that residents use 911 for emergencies only. If you develop a cough, fever, or difficulty breathing and have traveled recently with a widespread outbreak of COVID-19, you should consult the CDC's guidance for travelers, which is regularly updated as the situation changes. Likewise, you are encouraged to reach out to your primary care provider or local clinic directly.

If you have questions about COVID-19 the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services has established a hotline at (402) 552 -6645 and has information on their website <http://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Coronavirus.aspx>. We also ask that community members reference www.cdc.gov for information and <https://schuylernebraska.net> for local updates. We can assure you that we will continue to respond to your emergencies and be here for the needs of this outstanding city. The City of Schuyler is committed to the community and response during the COVID-19 outbreak.

Respectfully yours,

Jon Knutson - Schuyler Mayor

