



## Community Communication

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**DATE:** March 23, 2020  
**TO:** Members of the Coopersville Community  
**FROM:** Jonathan Seyferth, City Manager  
**RE:** Governor Whitmer Executive Order 2020-21 – Stay Home/Stay Safe

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### **City Manager's update Monday, March 23, 2020: Stay Home/Stay Safe order from Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer**

As you are likely aware Governor Whitmer has issued a **Stay Home/Stay Safe** order for all those in non-essential services – this order is in effect through at least Monday, April 13, 2020. The Governor's order [can be found here](#).

I want to let everyone know that City operations will continue, but in a much more limited fashion as directed by Governor Whitmer. This means that all in-person services will stop until at least April 14, 2020.

#### **For Coopersville our operations will look like this going forward:**

- Public safety will continue as regular operations;
- Water/wastewater staff will continue to ensure water/sewer services remain uninterrupted;
- DPW will continue with critical services;
- Trash and recycling pick up will continue as scheduled;
- Bill pay for water bills can be done online or by dropping the payment in the drop box at City Hall. The drop box will be checked daily;
- City Hall will have limited staffing; and
- No new building permits will be issued during this time.

If you need City assistance for things like a water/sewer service line breaks during regular business hours, please call City Hall at (616) 997-9731. If it's after hours or if you need to talk with someone in the Ottawa County Sheriff's office, please call Ottawa County Dispatch's non-emergency number at (800) 249-0911.

#### **Per the Governor's order, you can:**

- Go to the pharmacy;
- Go to the grocery store;
- Order takeout for pick up or delivery (delivery is the preferred method);

- Get outside for walks, hikes, runs, and/or bike rides;
- Fill your car with gas;
- Walk your pets or take them to the vet for needed treatments;
- Go to the hospital or secure any care necessary to address a medical emergency or to preserve your health or the health of a loved one.

**You May Not:**

- Leave the home to work unless your employer designates you as a critical infrastructure worker;
- Participate in any public gatherings;
- Visit someone in the hospital, nursing home, or other residential care facility (with limited exceptions);
- Go to the mall or to restaurants.

We understand this is difficult, but if we all take these steps it will help to make the virus' progression more manageable and allow health care workers and first responders to stay as safe as they can as they are on the front lines of this effort to keep us all healthy and safe. Please also remember to wash your hands often for at least 20 seconds with warm water and soap. Clean high touch surfaces often and where you're able, please stay home.

Brighter days are ahead, and we will come out of this as the strong community we are. We've seen so many great examples over the past few weeks about how we're all working together to have a positive impact. Food pantries are getting great support, local restaurants are seeing their takeout/delivery traffic increase and a general sense of being in this together is helping all of this to be more manageable. As we've posted before, to get information on how you can help others (if you're able) please visit [www.careottawacounty.com](http://www.careottawacounty.com)

For more information on coronavirus and local, state and Federal responses, please visit these websites.

- [Ottawa County Public Health](#)
- [State of Michigan Coronavirus updates](#)
- [US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)

Thank you for your help as we all work together to beat this.

Sincerely, Jonathan Seyferth  
Coopersville City Manager