Coronavirus (COVID-19)

The City of Cokato takes the COVID-19 pandemic very seriously and is proactively working to minimize public health risk by following the recommended guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Prevention and the Minnesota Department of Health.

At this time, City Offices will remain open during regular business hours. The City Hall lobby is closed at this time. The City of Cokato will continue to closely monitor the situation and will communicate significant updates as needed.

City Cancellations and Closures-to be added if necessary

- *City Council Meetings*
- *Planning Commission Meetings*

Resources

- **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**
  Coronavirus (COVID-19) – What you need to know

- **Wright County Public Health**
  Provides updates related to confirmed cases in Hennepin County

- **Minnesota Department of Health**
  Provides Minnesota Updates & Strategies to Slow the Spread of COVID-19 in Minnesota

- **MN Department of Health COVID-19 Hotline**
  651-201-3920
  Monday–Friday
  8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

- **World Health Organization**
  Provides World-Wide updates & Information about COVID-19

- **Video from Minnesota Commissioner of Health** – **Jan Malcolm**
  Basic information about COVID-19

What the City is doing

- **We are planning** — the City's staff are committed to maintain all essential services during the COVID19 pandemic.

- **We are cleaning** — with a focus on disinfecting high-touch areas daily at all City facilities. City Hall is wiping down all doors, counters and other areas periodically throughout the day.

- **We are implementing Minnesota Department of Health recommendations as outlined by the CDC** — the City is following mitigation guidelines including encouraging social distancing measures with staff and the public, and *reducing and canceling activities.*

- **We are following Minnesota Department of Labor** – Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) guidance on Preparing Workplaces for COVID-19

- **We will provide information to citizens, visitors and employees about medical care in the event of a COVID-19 outbreak.**

What we ask of you

- **Take basic protective measures against the coronavirus** – Stay informed and aware of the latest information about the COVID-19 outbreak.

- **Wash your hands** – Wash your hands with hot soapy water for 20 seconds before, during and after visiting City facilities.

- **Practice Respiratory Hygiene** – Practice respiratory hygiene by making sure you and the people around you cover your mouth and nose with your bent elbow or tissue when you cough or sneeze. Why? Droplets spread virus.

- **Stay home** — if you are sick or have been exposed to someone who is sick, please conduct City business online or by phone. If you have a fever, cough and difficulty breathing, seek medical attention early and call in advance. Follow the directions of your local health authority.

- **Do your part** — **don't flush disinfecting wipes, baby wipes and other non-flushable personal hygiene products**, these items are solid waste and must be disposed of with other refuse in the trash and never flushed down the toilet. If flushed, especially in large quantities, even wipes labeled as "flushable" can completely block the sewer and cause messy, expensive sewer backups into homes.