




OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Sherry L. Capello, Mayor

PRESS RELEASE

TO : All News Media
FROM : Mayor Sherry L. Capello 
SUBJECT : COVID-19 – Update on City Services
DATE : March 20, 2020

As a result of Pa. Governor Wolf's recent order that all non-essential businesses close to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19, there have been some changes to the operations of the City of Lebanon.

On March 17, in partnership with the Lebanon County Commissioners, the Lebanon City-County Municipal Building was closed to the public for a period of 14 days. Effective today, all non-essential County offices closed. **City offices will continue to be staffed and most city services will continue to be provided to the public.**

Functioning critical infrastructure is imperative during the response to the COVID-19 emergency for both public health and safety as well as community well-being. Certain critical infrastructure industries not limited to energy, health care, communications, local governments providing public works, police and fire services have a special responsibility in these times to continue operations.

Please be advised that city employees will be focused on public works, health and safety services. Other non-essential services will be delayed until the resumption of normal operations. Mitigation strategies have been implemented in city operations to reduce the likelihood of spreading the disease. This includes, but is not necessarily limited to, workplace hygiene best practices, separating staff and/or social distancing so that with these steps in place, we can preserve the workforce and allow operations to continue.



The public is encouraged to contact staff or report issues at cityadmin@lebanonpa.org. The public can also contact city staff at the following telephone numbers during regular business hours:

- Lebanon Police Department – 717-272-6611 (non-emergency calls only; please call 911 if you have an emergency)
- Lebanon Fire Department – 717-228-4486 (non-emergency calls only; please call 911 if you have an emergency)
- Public Works Department (including Building and Zoning) – 717-228-4490
- Public Safety Department (including Code Enforcement) – 717-228-4495
- Finance Office – 717-228-4497
- Community and Economic Development Office – 717-228-4487
- Department of Administration (including recreation) – 717-228-4401
- Mayor's Office – 717-228-4401

Following are several changes since the press release issued earlier this week:

- As a result of the closing of schools and non-essential businesses, more vehicles are parked on all city streets leaving those vehicles on designated street cleaning streets with little place to go. Effective immediately, street sweeping operations have been temporarily suspended and will resume on April 6, 2020. Parking restrictions with designated sweeping routes will not be enforced.
- The City of Lebanon will be offering some free 15-minute street parking at meters for customers picking up food and for delivery drivers. Signs will be hung on parking meters designating the spaces for the 15-minute parking.
- Parking regulations will be enforced based on safety issues (i.e., parking too close to a fire hydrant, parking too close to a corner where signs are posted...) and complaints received by the Lebanon Police Department.
- Camping permits and special event permits will not be issued until further notice. Applications for the rental of city-owned recreation buildings will not be accepted until further notice.
- Effective March 23, 2020, the Recycling Center will be closed until further notice.
- Owners of non-essential businesses needing clarification of the Governor's Order can contact the Pa. Department of Health at 1-877-724-3258 (Select Option 1) or email ra-dcedcs@pa.gov.
- Citizens needing clarification of the Governor's Order can contact the Pa. Department of Health at 1-877-724-3258 (Select Option 2), or webform at <https://www.governor.pa.gov/contact>
- Owners of non-essential businesses interested in applying for a waiver and to request information on the waiver process can email RA-dcexemption@pa.gov

- Payments for tickets, rental licenses, pavilion rental reservations, permits, loans, parking spaces, etc., may be deposited in the green and white drop box located on the municipal parking lot at Eighth and Elm Streets, Lebanon. Please make sure the envelope is clearly marked with the Department for which it is intended and the reason for the payment. Please include your contact information with your payment.

City and County officials will meet on March 30 to reassess the situation and determine if it is safe to re-open the Lebanon City-County Municipal Building to the public.

Information about the facts and latest updates on COVID-19 coronavirus is available on the websites of the PA Department of Health, <https://www.health.pa.gov> and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention <https://www.cdc.gov/>. For local updates, the public is encouraged to monitor the Lebanon County Department of Emergency Services (DES) website <https://covid19.lcdes.org>