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FROM : Mayor Sherry L. Capello

SUBJECT : COVID-19 – Update on City Services and Orders During the Yellow Phase

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The purpose of the yellow phase is to begin to power back up the economy while keeping a close eye on the public health data to ensure the spread of the coronavirus remains contained to the greatest extent possible. Social restrictions during the yellow phase include:

- the Stay at Home Order is lifted for aggressive mitigation;
- large gatherings of more than 25 are prohibited;
- in-person retail is allowable, curbside and delivery preferable;
- indoor recreation, health and wellness facilities and personal care services (such as gyms, spas, hair salons, nail salons and other entities that provide massage therapy), and all entertainment (such as casinos, theaters) remain closed;
- restaurants and bars are limited to carry-out and delivery only, however, starting on June 5th-restaurants are permitted to add dine-in service in outdoor seating areas so long as they strictly adhere to the requirements of the guidance, including maximum occupancy limits;
- all businesses must follow CDC and DOH guidance for social distancing and cleaning; and monitor public health indicators, adjust orders and restrictions as necessary.
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Following are a summary of orders and changes to the services implemented by the City of Lebanon:

➤ The City issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency for the City of Lebanon, effective March 17, 2020. This disaster remains in effect until further notice.

➤ City Offices continue to be closed to the public with the exception of access for Police emergencies. City offices will continue to be staffed and essential services will continue to be provided to the public.

➤ In conjunction with Lebanon County moving to the yellow phase. The following changes will be implemented:
  o Street sweeping will resume, effective June 3, 2020, and parking restrictions will be enforced.

We had suspended street sweeping on March 20th in anticipation of an influx of vehicles on the street due to more people working from home. It has been more than two months since then, and despite many residents’ best efforts, there has been a significant accumulation of litter and debris on our streets.

The accumulation of litter and debris is washing into our storm water system, which can pollute our rivers and the Chesapeake Bay. Litter also attracts feral cats and vermin. For these reasons, we have made the decision to resume street cleaning. This decision was not made lightly. We believe that more individuals may be returning to work and for those, still remaining at home during sweeping hours, our team worked hard to find a solution that would work best for everyone. Ultimately, the health and safety of our city is top priority.

During the yellow phase, several churches, schools and privately-owned parking lots have agreed to allow parking in their lots during the day to give residents a convenient place in their neighborhood to move their vehicle for street sweeping. The following stipulations would apply:
  - Parking is only accessible during street cleaning hours
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-No working on vehicles OR overnight parking is permitted
-Parking is at your own risk and agreeing to park at one of these locations you release liability from the property owner.
-Vehicles remaining in the parking lot after street cleaning has ended will be towed. Make sure you move your vehicle after street sweeping has ended for the day. Towing costs will be the responsibility of the vehicle owner.

Locations for parking during street sweeping:

**Monday & Tuesday 7AM to 12PM**
Old Northwest Elementary (teachers’ lot) - 900 Maple St.
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (access off of Spruce St.) - 723 Lehman St.
Senior Center of Lebanon Valley - 710 Maple St.- lower lot only
St Benedict the Abbot Church - 1300 Lehman St.
Covenant United Methodist Church - 346 N 9th St.
(White Parking Spaces Only)
St. Mark’s United Church of Christ - 426 N 8th St.

**Monday & Tuesday 7AM to 12PM**
Senior Centers of Lebanon Valley - 710 Maple St.- lower lot only

**Thursday & Friday 3AM to 6AM**
Harding Elementary School - 622 Chestnut St.
IU13 - 1 Cumberland St. (rear lot)
YMCA - 201 N 7th St. (right side of lot)

**Wednesday & Thursday 7AM to 12PM**
Lebanon High School - 1000 S 8th St.-last 3 rows only

**Wednesday & Thursday 7AM to 12PM**
Southeast Elementary School
499 E Pershing Ave.
Parking lot- Residents are permitted to park in the rear parking lot. You may access the lot from E Locust St, next to 340 E Locust St.
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- Parking meter and 2-hour parking lot enforcement will resume on June 3, 2020. The 15-minute reserved parking at meters in front of restaurants for customers picking up food will continue during the yellow phase. Signs are hung on parking meters designating the spaces for the 15-minute parking.
- Enforcement of all parking regulations will resume, effective June 3, 2020.
- Camping at Stoever’s Dam Park is temporarily closed until further notice.
- Special event permits will be considered on a case by case basis, and will be contingent upon meeting the restrictions for group gatherings and social distancing guidelines outlined in the Governor’s Reopen PA Plan.
- Applications for the rental of city-owned recreation buildings and pavilions will be accepted, contingent upon the applicant accepting responsibility for limiting the gathering to no more than 25 persons and practicing social distancing guidelines outlined in the Governor’s Plan.

➢ The City’s Recycling Center on Lehman Street will re-open starting on Saturday, June 6th for CITY RESIDENTS ONLY. The Center will only be open on Saturdays from 11AM to 3PM during the yellow phase. Residents must call the Public Works Department at 717-228-4490 or email vsentz@lebanonpa.org to register as a user prior to accessing the facility.

Recycling pick-up is mandatory with curbside refuse collection. Refuse collectors charge a minimal fee as a part of their service to residents. In addition, the Greater Lebanon Refuse Authority accepts recyclables at no charge. For more information about items accepted at the GLRA and instructions for dropping off items, please visit http://www.goglra.org/CivicAlerts.aspx. (Refer to GLRA Savings Center)

➢ 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,
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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.

➢ Property maintenance/housing/sanitation inspectors will continue to address serious life and safety issues, as well as, respond to complaints using proper protective measures.
➢ Routine eating and drinking license inspections will resume using proper protective measures.
➢ All police and fire operations continue with the exception of routine fire inspections and supervised fire drills. Some standard police operations have been modified and will continue as such.

The public is encouraged to contact city 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

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

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