Unemployment Benefits

Minnesota residents who have their employment affected by the COVID-19 pandemic may file for unemployment benefits with the State of Minnesota. Applicants are strongly encouraged to apply online due to large volumes of telephone calls at state offices. Residents that need assistance applying are encouraged to work with family members or neighbors to complete their application. Unemployment information, including how to apply can be found online at http://mn.gov/deed/newscenter/covid/workers/

Step-by-step information is available at http://jordanmn.gov/resources-for-impacted-employers-and-employees-covid-19/

You can help prevent the spread of respiratory illnesses with these actions:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose & mouth.
- Wash hands often with soap & water for at least 20 seconds.

As the Mayor, I want my fellow citizens to know that your City Council and City Staff are taking all necessary precautions for the COVID-19 epidemic. It may seem surreal at this time, but I want everyone to know that the city will continue to work to ensure everyone has water, sanitation, police, fire, and all other services needed for the citizens in our community. As we learn more about the impacts of COVID-19, the city will continue to update their response as needed. Look for updates on our city website and social media pages.

COVID-19 has consumed many of our community businesses. Please look for opportunities to support our neighbors and local businesses by shopping locally at the grocery store and ordering takeout at our restaurants. Follow the CDC and Minnesota Department of Health recommendations to stay home (especially when sick), keep social distance when in public places, wash your hands, and avoid contact with your face. Do not expose those at high risk including older adults, immunocompromised, and those with underlying health conditions. Be patient and follow the guidelines and restrictions placed upon all of us. We all need to work together to stop the spread and not overwhelm our healthcare system. Our city staff have mobilized opportunities to have drop-off services for those seniors that need groceries or other services and the food shelf has curbside pickup on Saturdays.

I know that the community wants to help and provide support. Please safely drop off plants, cards, food, and have phone or video conversations so your family members and friends who are practicing recommended isolation and quarantine still feel connected. Remember to go outside when the weather permits and be present with your family in your homes. Take this opportunity to connect with your family and friends in new ways and reflect upon those things we appreciate the most.

In appreciation,
Mayor Tanya Velishek
City of Jordan
A Letter from Police Chief Brett Empey

The Jordan Police Department is here to provide the highest level of service to you. The way in which we provide those services in some situations however, by necessity, may look a little different for the time being.

Due to the uncertainty of the current situation, the Police Department has made some procedural changes in our responses to calls for services being requested by our public. These changes are solely for the purpose of limiting potential exposure of Police Officers to the COVID-19 virus, as we need healthy Officers available to effectively provide essential services.

Due to an executive order to close dine-in services, businesses have been faced with the difficult choice to alter their service or to close. Please consider supporting local businesses during this time.

Curbside pickup, delivery, or take out is available at the following businesses:

- Clancy’s (952) 492-2199
- Deli’s All-In-One (952) 657-7600
- Carasim Coffee (612) 419-9519
- Empire Wok (952) 492-5556
- The Feed Mill (952) 492-3646
- Lindsey’s BBQ (952) 492-7015
- Ridges at Sand Creek (952) 492-2650
- Roet’s Jordan Brewery (952) 406-8865
- Subway (952) 492-7895
- Suzette’s Restaurants (952) 492-2422
- Swager Nutrition (612) 709-2489

Visit jordanmn.gov/dining-options-in-jordan/ for a more detailed list of up-to-date local options, including retail businesses and temporary closures.

Errands to Reduce Risk

Errands to Reduce Risk is a city coordinated volunteer program intended to reduce the spread of COVID-19 among residents that are at higher risk (including the elderly or immunocompromised) by connecting residents with volunteers that are willing to run errands in their stead.

Errands include, but are not limited to: groceries, pharmacy items, home goods or essentials, pet food, etc. To the greatest extent possible, volunteers agree to reduce contact with the program recipients.

To receive help or volunteer, please call (952) 492-2535

City staff will coordinate with volunteers to take care of high risk residents. Prospective volunteers will be screened by using publically available court records.

Community Newsletter: COVID-19 UPDATE

Limited City Services

City services are limited during this time. The city offices are closed to the public. Updates will be posted on the city website at jordanmn.gov, and staff can be reached by calling (952) 492-2535.

Utility Billing

Payments are accepted via US Mail and the drop-box located on the front of the city hall building.

Building Permits

Permits can be submitted via US Mail, the drop-box located on the front of the city hall building, and electronically via email. Inspections are being conducted as usual.

Deputy Registrar

This service is currently unavailable. Tabs can be purchased online at drive.mn.gov.

Water

The CDC says that the COVID-19 virus has not been detected in drinking water. Conventional water treatment methods of filtration and disinfection should remove the virus.

Community Newsletter: COVID-19 UPDATE

Keeping the home safe

Encourage your family members to:

- Keep hands at the door and at meal interats
- Don’t shake hands or touch noses with others
- Avoid touching the eyes, nose, and mouth
- Wash hands thoroughly with soap and warm water
- Cover all sneezes and coughs
- Stay home if you are sick
- Clean frequently touched objects and surfaces
- Practice social distancing

Households with vulnerable seniors or those with significant underlying conditions

Significant underlying conditions listed below. Call before entering.

- High blood pressure (hypertension)
- Chronic lung disease (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, cystic fibrosis, bronchiectasis)
- Diabetes that requires insulin
- Immunosuppression (due to medical condition or treatment)
- Cerebrovascular disease
- Chronic kidney disease
- Liver disease
- Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS)
- Cancer
- Heart disease
- Age 65 and older

Households with sick family members

- Keep sick family members in one residence and away from others
- Follow public health guidelines for self-care
- Provide adequate assistance or Alternatives for household members over 65 years old or with underlying conditions

Visit shoplocal.com/jordanmn for more information.

Small Businesses

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- Cough
- Shortness of breath

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www.cdc.gov/covid19-symptoms

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