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A Letter from Mayor Tanya Velishek

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

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 of 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.



ERRANDS TO REDUCE RISK

The City of Jordan is coordinating a volunteer effort to help run errands for residents who are at higher risk for contracting COVID-19.



This program is intended to reduce the spread of COVID-19 among Jordan residents by connecting the elderly, immunocompromised or other high risk individuals with volunteers that are willing to run errands in their stead.

To receive help: please call 952-492-2535

Residents receiving this service must pay for all groceries, home goods, and hardware that volunteers purchase.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORONAVIRUS GUIDELINES FOR AMERICA

15 DAYS TO SLOW THE SPREAD

Listen to and follow the directions of your STATE AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

IF YOU FEEL SICK, stay home. Do not go to work. Contact your medical provider.

IF YOUR CHILDREN ARE SICK, keep them at home. Do not send them to school. Contact your medical provider.

IF SOMEONE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD HAS TESTED POSITIVE for the coronavirus, keep the entire household at home. Do not go to work. Do not go to school. Contact your medical provider.

IF YOU ARE AN OLDER PERSON, stay home and away from other people.

IF YOU ARE A PERSON WITH A SERIOUS UNDERLYING HEALTH CONDITION that can put you at increased risk (for example, a condition that impairs your lung or heart function or weakens your immune system), stay home and away from other people.



For more information, please visit
CORONAVIRUS.GOV

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Shop Local

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
- Delia'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 Restaurant (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.



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 throughout this crisis. Limiting in-person contacts, especially close proximity in-person contacts is one of the simplest ways to limit COVID-19 exposures. Calls considered non-essential may not receive an in-person response from an Officer during this time, however we will be attempting to provide the best possible services and remedies in those situations through alternative means (i.e. phone, email). Incidents that are considered essential, critical, or emergencies will continue to receive immediate in-person police responses and intervention as has always been the case in the past.

Please do not hesitate to continue to call us for any and all matters or issues that you might face.

Brett Empey, Chief of Police
City of Jordan

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.

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Keeping the home safe

Encourage your family members to...

All households



- Clean hands at the door and at regular intervals
- Create habits and reminders to avoid touching their face and cover coughs and sneezes
- Disinfect surfaces like doorknobs, tables, and handrails regularly
- Increase ventilation by opening windows or adjusting air conditioning

Households with vulnerable seniors or those with significant underlying conditions



- Significant underlying conditions include heart, lung, kidney disease; diabetes; and conditions that suppress the immune system
- Have the healthy people in the household conduct themselves as if they were a significant risk to the person with underlying conditions. For example, wash hands frequently before interacting with the person, such as by feeding or caring for the person
 - If possible, provide a protected space for vulnerable household members
 - Ensure all utensils and surfaces are cleaned regularly

Households with sick family members



- Give sick members their own room if possible, and keep the door closed
- Have only one family member care for them
- Consider providing additional protections or more intensive care for household members over 65 years old or with underlying conditions

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.

Patients with COVID-19 have reportedly had mild to severe respiratory illness. Symptoms can include

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath

* Symptoms may appear 2–14 days after exposure. Seek medical advice if you develop symptoms, and have been in close contact with a person known to have COVID-19 or if you live in or have recently been in an area with ongoing spread of COVID-19.

www.cdc.gov/covid19-symptoms

Small Businesses

Employers are encouraged to make use of the following resources (links provided at jordanmn.gov/resources-for-impacted-employers-and-employees-covid-19/):

- Unemployment and COVID-19 for Employers from **MnDEED**. On March 16, Governor Tim Walz issued an executive order to ensure workers affected by the COVID-19 pandemic have full access to unemployment benefits. (uimn.org)
- Information for Businesses from **the CDC**
- State of Minnesota Small Business Emergency Loan Program
 - Executive Order 20-15
- Small Business Disaster Loans and more from the **US Small Business Administration (SBA)**

NEW: Small business disaster loans now available in Minnesota

- ✓ Loans up to \$2 million
- ✓ 3.75% interest rate
- ✓ Up to 30-year term



2020 U.S Census

Keep those responses coming!

You should have received a letter in the mail regarding the 2020 US Census. Be sure to fill those letters out and send them back. Your response can help set us up for more federal and state aid. Plus, they ensure we keep our representatives in congress.



Visit my2020census.gov for more information.