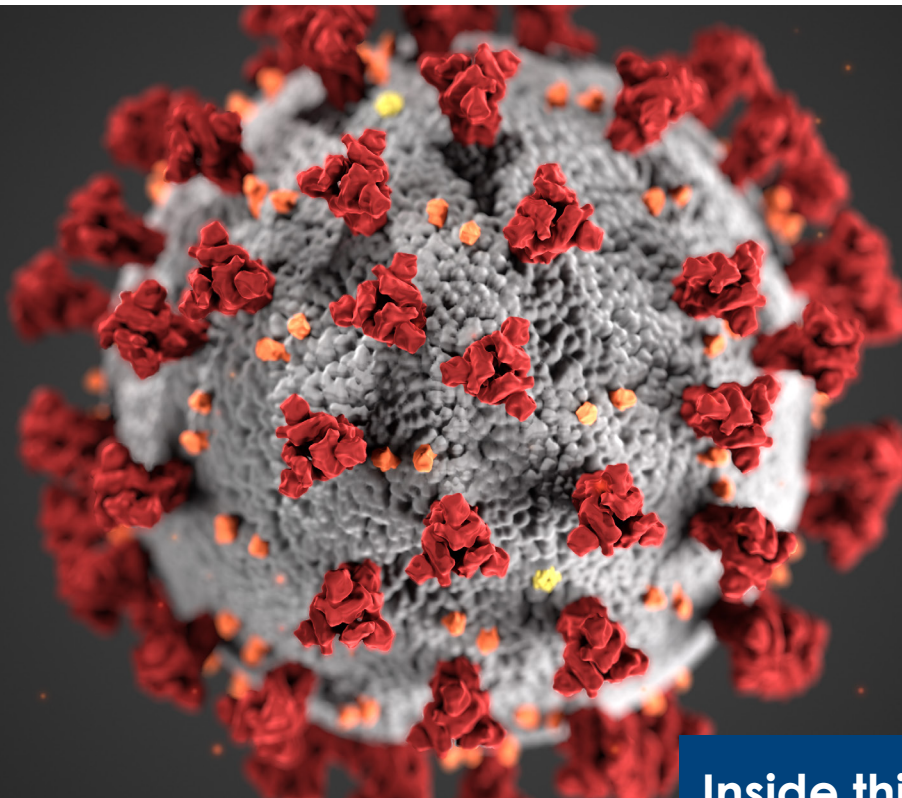


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COVID-19 resource center established online

Stay at home orders for all of Johnson County, including Prairie Village, have been in effect since March 24 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

An order was first issued by Dr. Joseph LeMaster, public health officer for Johnson County. A new, statewide order issued by Kansas Governor Laura Kelly went into effect March 30, lasts for 21 days, and supersedes similar local orders.

The City of Prairie Village has created a web page at www.pvkansas.com/COVID19 where residents can view both the state and local orders as well as COVID-19 information from state and federal sources.

Under the Governor's order, Kansans are directed to stay home unless performing one of the following essential activities:

- Obtaining food, medicine and other household necessities;
- Going to and from work at a business or organization performing an essential function as identified in the Kansas Essential Function Framework;
- Seeking medical care;
- Caring for children, family members or pets, or caring for a vulnerable person in another location;
- Engaging in an outdoor activity, provided individuals maintain a distance of six feet from one another and abide by the 10-person limitation on gathering size.

After the statewide order expires April 19, the countywide stay at home order will remain in effect until at least April 23, unless Johnson County retracts it earlier.

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A Message from the Mayor

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Dear friends and neighbors,
We've got this, Prairie Village.

As I write, we are in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. Global and regional infection and death rates are increasing. In Prairie Village, we are adjusting to the Stay-at-Home Order. Social distancing has become our urgent community tactic to "flatten the curve," reduce the speed of the virus' spread, and save lives.

This crisis is unprecedented in our lifetimes, and in the history of Prairie Village. In concert with the County and area cities, we were early movers to take extraordinary measures to save lives, particularly for those who are more vulnerable due to age or compromised immune systems. I declared a local

state of emergency on March 16th. We implemented Stay-at-Home Orders which are now uniform throughout the State.

We closed City Hall to in-person visits and scaled back non-essential City services to protect the health of our residents and staff. Most City public meetings and events have been canceled through April; beyond that time please check our website for status of events. We implemented a public communication campaign through all available channels to our residents on how to minimize health risks here. I deeply appreciate your voluntary compliance, without which none of this would be working.

By the time you read this, it will be a few weeks from when I am writing it. Whatever the situation is in Prairie Village, it should be better than if we had not adopted these extreme measures. The pages that follow show how you can stay up to date with the evolving situation in Prairie Village. Please continue to take the initiative to stay informed and do your part.

There is much anxiety and uncertainty with this, including in our community. But here are some local certainties you can rely on, and perhaps be comforted by: 1) We will get through this; 2) Essential and emergency City services will continue seamlessly; 3) Our heroic administrative staff, public works, and police will rise to the occasion every day; 4) We will keep you informed daily through our website, social media, local media and other channels; and 5) this crisis will provide more heart-warming examples of local neighborly good deeds.

Our Prairie Village businesses have suffered, particularly restaurants, bars and other "non-essential" businesses. As have their workers. They will need your help to restore. We've published on our website links to emergency financial resources to help them stand up again but mostly they'll need your patronage and support in the months and years to come.

Your City government entered this crisis from a position of strength. We beat our 2019 budget handily and remain in excellent fiscal health. We started 2020 with historically low crime rates, new parks, increasing property values, and many other indicia of excellent civic health. That said, COVID-19 will likely take a significant toll on the City in 2020 and perhaps beyond. While the daily focus remains on saving lives, we are evaluating the merits of delaying some capital projects, hiring freezes, and other pro-active strategies. Your City Council, which unanimously supported my emergency declaration, will work with staff and me in the coming months to make these tough decisions and craft the 2021 City budget with your input.

Here's one more certainty in the midst of this chaos: Prairie Village will thrive again. The resiliency, compassion, strength, grace and spirit of Prairie Villagers will see to that.

Together, we've got this.

To your health,

-Eric

City temporarily alters some services due to COVID-19

Following the stay at home order issued for Johnson County based on recommendations from health experts surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, the City of Prairie Village has reduced the number of staff working from its facilities and temporarily altered some services.

Residents are encouraged to do business with the City online or via phone, fax, mail or email.

A list of services impacted as of March 30 is as follows:

Trash

The large item pickup originally scheduled for March 28 & April 4 was postponed. Tentative dates for this year's collection are June 6 and June 13.

Republic Services will not haul away bags of trash and other items that are outside of trash bins. This measure is taken to reduce drivers' exposure to the coronavirus. The City will suspend selling stickers for extra

bags of trash, and residents who have the stickers on hand should not use them.

Residents whose trash needs exceed the limits of their bin's capacity, can secure an additional 65 gallon bin at a cost of \$35 for a year, paid directly to Republic. Contact Republic Services at Customerkc@republicservices.com 816-521-3110. Include name, address, and phone number.

Parks & Grounds

Parks remain open; however, playground equipment and basketball courts are closed. Park guests must maintain appropriate social distance.

Bathrooms will be kept open, but drinking fountains will be turned off.

Licensing for animals, businesses

Late fees will all be waived and no late notifications will be sent under our typical procedure.

No license renewal mailings will go out during the stay at home order. All renewal due dates will be extended.

Pool Passes and Summer Rec Programming

Pool pass sales and registration for summer recreation programs have not begun. The tentative new date for sales is May 1.

Facility Reservations

All facility reservations for park shelters and conference rooms at City Hall have been canceled and refunded through May 8. More cancellations may be necessary. City staff will re-evaluate and begin that process in mid-April.

Meetings & Events

Several City committee meetings and events have been canceled. An updated calendar is available online.

Municipal Court

Court Dockets scheduled for April 2020 were rescheduled.

Building Permits

Effective March 24, 2020, no new building permits will be issued for non-essential construction activities until the stay at home order is lifted. Contractors and homeowners may still submit plans for review, but a permit will not be issued unless the project is deemed to be essential to safety, sanitation, and/or essential operations.

Permits for projects deemed essential to maintain safety, sanitation, and essential operations will be issued under normal guidelines. An example of essential projects would be if a hot water heater, electrical service, furnace or gas line needed to be replaced.

Please email permits@pvkansas.com or call 913-385-4604 to schedule an inspection.

For more City Contact information, see the next page of this issue of the Village Voice.

COVID-19 relief resources listed online

The City of Prairie Village understands that there are many uncertainties during this time, and that residents and local businesses are likely dealing with financial stress. Programs have been put in place at both the state and national level to help businesses, non-profits, and individuals weather this difficult period.

The City has compiled a list of resources that could be useful on our website at: www.pvkansas.com/covid19reliefresources. We will continue to update this page as more resources become available.

The City appreciates those that have chosen to operate their business in our community, and to have the opportunity to serve them now and in the future.

Do you have questions about the stay at home order? A list of frequently asked questions and answers is available at www.pvkansas.com/COVID19

Stay at Home Order

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

DO	DON'T
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Go to the grocery store or pharmacy• Order delivery or takeout from a restaurant• Call a plumber or electrician• Go to the bank, post office, or gas station• Take a walk, run, or bike ride• Practice social distancing• Save lives	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Buy more than you need• Dine in at restaurants or bars• Go to the gym, salon or barber shop• Travel for non-essential purposes• Visit a playground• Gather in groups• Put lives at risk

Johnson County Hotline: 913-715-5000 www.pvkansas.com/COVID19

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Reader Feedback
Please send your comments to:
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Stay in touch for up-to-date COVID-19 information

Many people enjoy finding the latest version of the Village Voice in their mailboxes. However, traditional mail has its limitations, including the timely dissemination of information. For example, this newsletter was sent to be printed on March 31. It was then printed, posted, and shipped to you. Despite best efforts, there is an inevitable delay in City staff producing information in print and residents consuming it.

Therefore, Prairie Village residents and businesses are encouraged to sign up for news releases, and email or text message alerts through eNews and NotifyJoCo for the most timely information.

You can also find up-to-date information on our website www.pvkansas.com. Be sure to follow us on Instagram, Facebook, Twitter and Nextdoor to stay up-to-date with local government. The Prairie Village Police Department has its own presence on each platform as well.



eNews

Stay up to date on events, news, projects, jobs, and RFPs through our e-notifications. Notices are sent directly to your e-mail for the categories that you sign up for. You can change your preferences at any time.

Register at www.pvkansas.com/enews



NotifyJoCo

Receive notifications from the City, Johnson County and WaterOne via phone, text or email of emergencies and non-emergencies affecting locations you care about.

Register at www.NotifyJoCo.org

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POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Tim Schwartzkopf, Chief of Police

PUBLIC WORKS

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EVERYONE MAY PARTICIPATE

If any individual requires an accommodation to participate in public meetings, contact the City Clerk's office at 913-381-6464 (TDD 800-766-2777) at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting time, if possible, to make arrangements.

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