



City of Kenosha updates related to COVID-19

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KENOSHA – The City of Kenosha is doing its part to implement public safety measures in response to the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic, and Gov. Tony Evers’s Safer-At-Home order for people through April 24.

In consideration of the health and welfare of the citizens of Kenosha, the Parks Division has posted signs, alerting citizens that playground equipment and basketball courts are off limits at all City parks. However, the public is still able to walk, jog and ride bicycles in City parks. The governor’s order allows for people to still go outside for exercise.

The City’s Municipal Golf Course at Washington Park remains closed and the opening date for the season will be determined at a later date.

City meetings, including Common Council and committee meetings, will be conducted via telephone conference for the near future.

The governor’s Safer-At-Home order specified essential business exemptions, which includes local government. While City Hall and other City buildings are closed to walk-in service, City employees are still working and will continue to offer government services. Some employees are working staggered shifts or working remotely.

“Staff continues to be productive and have really stepped up in light of the current situation,” Mayor John Antaramian said. “We are doing everything on our part to convey as much normalcy as can be expected during this time.”

Elections continue to be a priority for the City of Kenosha. The City Clerk's office is receiving assistance from employees from the Museum, Library and Public Works departments to respond to the high volume of requests for absentee ballots.

Voters are encouraged to participate in the April 7 Presidential Preference Spring Election by voting an absentee ballot by mail. To receive a ballot by mail, requests can be made on myvote.wi.gov, or by email, elections@kenosha.org, or send request to City Clerk, 625 52nd Street, Kenosha, WI 53140. Include a copy of acceptable photo ID. The deadline to request a ballot is Thursday, April 2, 2020 by 4:30 p.m. For indefinitely confined and military voters the deadline is April 3, 2020 by 5 p.m.

All voted ballots must be in the City Clerk's office by 8 p.m. on election day. It is recommended that people drop their ballot off in the white drop box on Eighth Avenue near the driveway of the visitor parking lot, or the white drop box near the west entrance of City Hall, 625 52nd St. **DO NOT DROP BALLOTS OFF AT A POLLING PLACE ON ELECTION DAY.** Ballots also can be sent via U.S. mail or shipped via other delivery methods (FedEx, etc.) to the City Clerk's office, 625 52nd St., Room 105, Kenosha WI 53140. People are reminded to allow enough time for delivery if they mail their ballot.