

CITY GOVERNMENT COVID-19 BRIEFING

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To all who call Lindsborg home:

As you are probably aware, we find ourselves in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. We want you to know that the City is doing everything it can to be prepared. While there have not been any suspected cases in Lindsborg, there has been one confirmed case in Wichita and 5 confirmed cases in the

Kansas City region. As you know, part of what makes our region so prosperous is that we are engaged with centers of commerce and industry across the country and world.

The City's concern is for the health impact on the people of the community, but even more so on the impact to vulnerable populations. People who are particularly vulnerable to suffering and dying from the coronavirus are the elderly, and those with an underlying condition such as heart disease, COPD, severe asthma, cancer, and other health problems they may be receiving treatment for. It is our responsibility as neighbors, friends, and family members to slow down and minimize the spread of COVID-19 so that vulnerable populations are less likely to become ill and more likely to be able to access treatment and survive if they do become ill.

We encourage you to monitor coverage of the coronavirus at www.kdheks.gov/coronavirus and at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus. There you will find important reminders about practicing good hygiene including washing your hands for 20 seconds, frequently disinfecting surfaces including doorknobs and counters, and what is being referred to as social distancing. Social distancing includes limiting travel, in-person meetings, and other social contact, as well as not physically touching other people. Please replace

handshakes and hugs with one of the several creative responses to the pandemic, including placing your right hand over your heart and smiling warmly.

You will also want to be sure that you have pantry staples to be able to stay home for up to 2 weeks. While that may mean a trip to Scott's, please do not hoard food, as your neighbors may also need to stock up on pantry staples. If you develop symptoms including fever, cough, or shortness of breath, please stay home. If your symptoms worsen, please call your doctor. If you are an employer, please develop plans to allow your employees to work from home and to have access to sick leave during this pandemic.

In terms of doing business with the City, please avoid coming into City Hall. This would be a great time to set up automatic ACH payment of your utilities by filling out the form on the backside of this letter. You can also make your utility payment online at https://www.municipalonlinepayments.com/lindsborgks.

Payments can also be made at the drop box in front of City Hall on Lincoln Street, or can be made over the phone. If you have questions or face a difficulty, please call 785-227-3355 so that we can help you, rather than coming to City Hall.

We take seriously our role providing essential services. These include especially: the work that the police, fire department, and EMS do to safeguard public health and safety; the work that our public works department does to keep our lights on, high quality drinking water flowing, and properly managing our wastewater. The City is committed to providing these services no matter how serious the situation may become in our region.

We will survive this difficult moment. Please do everything you can to show kindness to those around you, including your employees, your neighbors, and your family. The kindness and generosity that have been a hallmark of Lindsborg are what are needed now as we face what could be a very difficult period in our history.