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Lowell City Hall and All City Buildings to Close to Public

Due to evolving concerns related to the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19), the City of Lowell has announced that it will be closing City Hall and all other City buildings to the public **beginning Monday, March 16, 2020** until further notice.

At this time, all City of Lowell employees will continue to report to work, and departments will remain open. The City intends to maintain essential functions and services at full capacity. The public will be able to contact all departments by phone and e-mail.

The City of Lowell is requesting that residents and other individuals seeking to attend to City-related business do so remotely when possible, online, by phone or through the mail, or delay any business that requires in-person interaction with City of Lowell employees until a future date.

Individuals encountering urgent, time-sensitive situations requiring the attention of City of Lowell staff are advised to contact the appropriate department to determine if an accommodation can be made.

As there are no confirmed or presumptive cases of coronavirus in Lowell at this time, this measure is precautionary, and is intended to help reduce the risk of spreading the virus locally and avoid widespread disruptions to City services.

The City will closely monitor the status of coronavirus locally to determine when City buildings can be safely re-open to the public.

The City of Lowell is committed to providing timely and up-to-date information to residents regarding the status of coronavirus locally and precautionary measures being implemented by the City. Residents are encouraged to monitor lowellma.gov/coronavirus, which is updated frequently.