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City of Wheat Ridge Closes All City Facilities in Response to COVID-19 Risk

Many City Services Remain Available Online

WHEAT RIDGE, Colo. March 16, 2020 -- In an effort to support social distancing and slow the spread of COVID-19, effective Tuesday, March 17, 2020, all Wheat Ridge City facilities will be **closed** through Sunday, March 29, 2020. This closure includes, but is not limited to, public business and activities at City Hall including Municipal Court and all other public City facilities, including the Recreation Center, the Anderson Building and the Active Adult Center. This also includes all programs and classes and many city meetings.

Through March 29, public-facing services have been reduced or modified including:

- Municipal Court is canceled for all in-person appearances. The Court window is also closed
- All City Clerk functions will be handled by calling 303-235-2823 or 2816. More info on the City [webpage](#)
- All business licensing and tax services will be handled by calling 303-235-2820. More info on the City [webpage](#)
- The building permit counter is closed to public access. Assistance is available by calling 303-235-2876 or 2873. More info on the City [webpage](#). Building inspections will continue for large projects while non-essential inspections will be postponed.
- All public and neighborhood meetings are canceled through March 29, 2020.
- Requests for Police Reports can be made by email policerecords@ci.wheatridge.co.us or 303-235-2921

Those wishing to file a police report may call 303-237-2220 and ask to be connected to an officer.

“While closing City facilities was a difficult decision, the health and safety of our staff and the community is our highest priority. We will continue to monitor the spread of COVID-19 and adjust our plans as new information becomes available,” stated Patrick Goff Wheat Ridge city manager. “We are doing everything in our power to continue providing services to our community. We also know members of the Wheat Ridge community are generous and caring so while we encourage you to check on those who are vulnerable, especially seniors and those with compromised immune systems, please remember to do so with your own health and safety in mind. We will be following updates from our Governor, the CDPHE, the CDC and the World Health Organization, and will reevaluate the need for further closures during the coming weeks. It’s also vital that we all do our part to limit the spread of coronavirus in our city by minimizing our social interaction, washing our hands, and self-isolating if we believe we have been in contact with someone exhibiting symptoms.”

Updates from the Mayor, City Manager, the Chief of Police, and the City Emergency Manager are being shared on social media platforms including Facebook, Twitter and NextDoor, and a special page has been created on the City website www.bit.ly/WRCOVID-19 Community members may also subscribe to regular [Emergency Preparedness Alerts](#) to stay informed with updates from the City.

City officials will continually evaluate the situation and end or extend the closure as circumstances change.

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