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City of Liberty Extends Community Advisory and Closes City Facilities

LIBERTY, Mo. - In response to COVID-19 concerns, the City of Liberty is expanding steps to ensure the health of our community, staff and making sure we have a plan for continuity of City services in place. Beginning Monday, March 16, all City facilities will be closed to the public through March 31. This includes:

- Liberty City Hall
- Liberty Community Center
- Liberty Animal Shelter
- Liberty Fire Stations
- Liberty Utilities Operations Center
- Liberty Municipal Court
- Liberty Performing Arts Theatre

The Liberty Police Department lobby entrance on Missouri Street will remain open.

During this time the City encourages residents and customers to take advantage of online City services including payment of City utility bills and court fines. Pay your utility bill online at <https://water.libertymissouri.gov/>. The City is suspending water disconnects for non-payments

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until further notice. We encourage all customers to make regular payments as they are able. All regular late fees and fines will still be applied during this time.

Scheduled board and commission meetings without necessary action items will be postponed until further notice.

The City of Liberty also is **postponing or canceling events with more than 250 persons and encourages individuals to avoid events of this size.**

The City is working across all departments and with the professionals at the Clay County Public Health Center to prevent potential spread and ensure proper measures and precautions are in place. It is important that individuals at higher risk for serious illness due to age or a long-term health problem take actions to reduce their risk.

To stay up to date on City of Liberty actions related to COVID-19, please visit www.libertymissouri.gov/COVID19.

Residents should stay informed and ensure they are receiving information from reliable sources. The [Centers for Disease Control](https://www.cdc.gov) (CDC) and the [Clay County Public Health Center](https://www.claycountyhealth.com) offer up-to-date information on their websites and social media. The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) has activated a 24/7 phone hotline for the public or providers to receive information or guidance related to COVID-19. The hotline is reached at 877.435.8411. The City of Liberty will continue to provide the latest information, relating to cancellation and closure of City hosted events and programs, as it develops in order to keep our residents updated.

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