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### City of Liberty Issues a Community Advisory

**LIBERTY, Mo.** - Based on the recommendations from the Clay County Public Health Center to **postpone or cancel events with more than 1,000 persons** to prevent the potential spread of COVID-19, the City of Liberty is cancelling or closing the following events and programs at City-owned facilities through March 31:

- All Silver Center programs and lunches
- All trips on the Liberty Access Bus
- Community Center programs and services including:
  - Land and water group exercise classes
  - Room rentals
  - Child Watch
  - Sauna
  - Personal training sessions
  - Group and private swim lessons
- Events at the Liberty Performing Arts Theatre
- All Liberty Parks & Rec (LPR) youth sports practices and games
- All LPR adult sports games
- Tournaments and LPR leagues at the Capitol Federal® Sports Complex of Liberty
- Parks shelter rentals
- Tours of and events at City facilities, including Fire and Police Stations, Water / Wastewater Treatment Plant, etc.
- Municipal Court (March 19 & 20 court cases will be moved August 13 & 14)

“As of March 12, there are no known cases of COVID-19 in Clay County,” said John Mills, Liberty Fire Chief and Emergency Operations Manager. “However, we are following social distancing recommendations from health experts as related to COVID-19 to minimize the potential of

overwhelming our health care systems. We will continue to monitor the situation as additional updates are provided by the CDC and Clay County Public Health Center and take any additional steps as needed.”

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.

Organizers of small events are encouraged to take extra measures to help prevent the spread of the virus. Organizations or individuals who have rentals at the Liberty Community Center or sports complex will be contacted directly by program coordinators.

The Liberty Community Center fitness center and pools will remain open for member use. Staff and janitorial contractors at the Community Center and at City Hall have increased cleaning protocols.

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.

**Residents should stay informed and ensure they are receiving information from reliable sources.** The [Centers for Disease Control](#) (CDC) and the [Clay County Public Health Center](#) 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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