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### City of Decorah COVID Response

Decorah, IA (March 16, 2020) – The City of Decorah is taking all steps necessary to ensure the continuation of public services during this time of potential health concern.

Effective immediately until April 6:

- ✚ All City departments are closed to walk-in traffic
- ✚ Public Restroom on Water Street is closed
- ✚ Non-essential board and committee meetings are suspended
- ✚ Library and Park Rec activities are cancelled
- ✚ Public meeting spaces are closed
- ✚ Park services are discontinued (all park restrooms are closed)
- ✚ Pulpit Rock Campground will be closed

Administration will evaluate risk and propose appropriate action steps moving forward on April 6.

The City is working in cooperation with and following the direction of the Iowa Department of Public Health and Winneshiek County Public Health in taking all necessary steps to provide for public safety and the continuation of essential, critical City services.

Staff shall follow specific procedures to help limit the exposure or spread of COVID19 within their respective departments and the City overall.

The public is encouraged to be proactive about following Public Health guidelines regarding social distancing, quarantine, and healthy hygiene habits for the good of the entire community. Anyone able to support local businesses through the purchase of gift certificates or other appropriate measures that meet Public Health guidelines is encouraged to do so.

The City will continue to update the public with changes as they occur. Public information releases will be accomplished by press releases to radio, newspaper and other public forums, city website [www.decorahia.org](http://www.decorahia.org) and city social media venues.

Direct questions regarding City response to:

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- ✚ Wanda Hemesath, City Clerk, Tr. [Hemesath@decorahia.org](mailto:Hemesath@decorahia.org). 563-379-1362 (C)
- ✚ 563-382-3651 City Clerk's Office

The Iowa Department of Public Health is the lead agency for the dissemination of information related to the Coronavirus (COVID19). Winneshiek County Public Health is your local, central point of contact for local efforts.

Iowa Department of Public Health – [www.idph.iowa.gov](http://www.idph.iowa.gov) or call IDPH at 2-1-1

Winneshiek County Public Health – [www.winneshiekhealth.org](http://www.winneshiekhealth.org) 563-382-4662

Please refer to these agencies for specific information and direction regarding COVID19.

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