



For Immediate Release**March 25, 2020****Media Contact**
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317-903-9825**RELEASE: City of Fishers 3/25/2020 Daily COVID-19 Briefing**

Fishers, Ind. -- The City of Fishers will transition to weekly updates unless updates warrant an increase in the distribution of information. These updates are intended to keep residents informed of the actions the City of Fishers is taking to reduce the impacts of Coronavirus on the community.

On Wednesday, March 25, the City of Fishers completed the following under the City's top response priorities:

Mitigate Spread of Coronavirus

- Continue existing operations, messaging to remain in social isolation.

Public Safety

- Continue existing operations with Coronavirus prevention operations in place

Ready Access to Food

- Update check with all nonprofits and food banks, develop a plan for communications to residents
- Published list of available food banks and food distribution at fishers.in.us/Coronavirus

Ready Access to Medical Care

- Continue existing operation to launch Red Cross blood drive for 3/25 and 3/27

Small Business Support

- Analyze Federal stimulus package

Clear, Concise Communications to Residents

- Updated FAQs
- Create priority messaging including mental health, access to food, and need for blood donations

Ongoing City Hall Operations

- Daily meeting with COVID-19 leadership team to assess priority items and responses.

Since March 6, the City of Fishers has been taking the necessary steps to prepare for COVID-19. The following is a summary of those steps to date:

Mitigate Spread of Coronavirus

- Issued Executive Order declaring a local disaster emergency, instating a travel watch. This prohibits travel outside of work, medical, caregiving, and grocery visits or restaurant takeout.
- Continued coordination with county health and emergency management
- Issued Executive Order suspending door to door solicitation

Public Safety

- Launch public safety response plans
- Outfit public safety personnel with personal protection equipment (PPE)
- Refined staffing plans for public safety in the event officers become symptomatic

Ready Access to Food

- Interactive map of available restaurants open for carryout and delivery
- Updated listing of available resources for food-insecure
- Identify food pantries to provide list to residents who are food insecure
- Conference call with all Fishers restaurants to identify locations that are serving food for carryout or delivery.
- Develop interactive map for food, restaurants to better inform residents of where to get access to food via carryout or delivery.

Small Business Support

- Develop quick reference sheet for Governor's Executive Order, share State hotline for businesses
- DPW installation of carryout notice yard signs at every participating restaurant in FishersIdentify opportunities for small business support
- Conference call with Fishers businesses; next scheduled call: 3/26
- Temporary removal of code enforcement related to temporary signage
- Restaurant carryout mapping

Ready Access to Medical Care

- Prepare public safety personnel with appropriate response equipment (PPEs and masks)
- Launch public information campaign on the procedures to take if residents become symptomatic.
- Add telehealth options to COVID-19 landing page.
- Coordinated with the Red Cross to bring blood drive to Fishers to address critical shortages.

Clear, Concise Communications to Residents

- Conducted conference calls and Q&A sessions with key stakeholder groups: childcare facilities, businesses, places of worship, nonprofits; next scheduled call: 3/26
- Update FAQs at fishers.in.us/Coronavirus
- Launched the COVID-19 landing page on fishers.in.us/Coronavirus as a central hub for all information related to Fishers' response to Coronavirus.
- Launched the Fishers COVID-19 Hotline at 317-595-3211, staffed 24/7 to answer questions and connect those in need with resources
- Launched social media campaign to simplify Fishers recommendations for COVID-19 response
- Released Mayor's Community Plan for COVID-19 with response recommendations for businesses, schools, and childcare centers, nonprofits, places of worship, and individuals
- Conduct bi-weekly informational conference calls with Mayor's COVID-19 Leadership Team and key groups in the community outlined in the Community Plan.
- Developed and mailed letter to age-targeted neighborhoods in Fishers to reach the senior population in the event they do not have access to the internet.

Ongoing City Hall Operations

- Suspension of all business and residential Fishers Stormwater for 60 day
- Temporary removal of code enforcement related to temporary signage
- Implement COVID-19 sick policy
- Implement staffing response policy
- Administrative and office staff begin work-from-home procedures
- DPW implement small-team operations
- Daily meeting with COVID-19 leadership team to assess priority items and responses
- Weekly city leadership meetings to assess all work across the organization.

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About the City of Fishers

The City of Fishers is a suburb of Indianapolis, Indiana, located in Hamilton County and was named #1 Place to Live in the US by Money Magazine in 2017. Under the leadership of Mayor Scott Fadness, Fishers is known as a smart, vibrant, and entrepreneurial city through its neighborhood development, dedication to supporting high-growth companies, and innovative city processes. With a population of 91,832 (2017), Fishers is one of the fastest growing communities in Indiana and has received national accolades for entrepreneurship, livability, and safety. City branding guidelines and logos can be downloaded here.

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