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Subject: City Officials Extend and Expand Public Closures

In response to the continuing spread of COVID-19, City of Greeley officials decided to extend the public closure of all non-emergency city facilities through April 30.

Officials believe these extended closures are necessary to help protect the health and safety of the community and comply with the governor's orders. The city will continue to monitor and reassess the situation as it unfolds.

Additionally, as of Thursday, March 26, all City of Greeley playgrounds, skateparks, restrooms, and drinking fountains will close through at least April 30 to help reduce the spread of COVID-19. Gatherings in public parks, including weddings, quinceañeras, and birthday celebrations are strongly discouraged. Park equipment and facilities — including seating and picnic areas — are not sanitized. We encourage people to still enjoy trails and the outdoors while following Centers-for-Disease-Control-recommended precautions, including, but not limited to, physical distancing and no gatherings of more than 10 people.

During these closures, all essential city operations and staff — including, police, fire department, water, sewer, Greeley-Evans Transit, and key infrastructure will continue functioning. Emergency services will continue.

While the city attends to this emerging situation, many services will be disrupted as a result of these precautionary measures. For information about specific city services, please use the following contact information:
- Water & Sewer: 970-350-9818 — shannon.metcalf@greeleygov.com
- Public Works: 970-350-9881 — m'liss.fonger@greeleygov.com
- Greeley-Evans Transit: 970-350-9290 — get@greeleygov.com
- Community Development: 970-350-9853 — tim.swanson@greeleygov.com
- Culture, Parks, & Recreation: 970-350-9401 — megan.rink@greeleygov.com
- Finance: 970-350-9731 — finance@greeleygov.com
- Economic Health & Housing: 970-350-9380 — paula.turner@greeleygov.com

- City Clerk's Office: 970-350-9740 — cheryl.aragon@greeleygov.com
- Municipal Court: 970-350-9230 — mccourt@greeleygov.com

Find more information about the city's response to COVID-19, go to www.greeleygov.com/covid-19.

Greeley-Evans Transit (GET)
Beginning today, March 25, Greeley-Evans Transit (GET) will suspend all regular fixed-route operations, including Poudre Express, and temporarily transition to exclusively Call-n-Ride services for the general public and paratransit riders.

Staff will focus on requests for essential trips — medical, grocery and work. However, Call-n-Ride services operate on a first-come-first-serve basis. To schedule a ride, call 970-350-9290.

City officials strongly encourage community members to follow county and state agency guidance and practice social distancing and CDC-recommended precautions.

The city urges everyone to take the following CDPHE-recommended precautions to protect yourself and those around you:
- Frequently and thoroughly wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash, or use your inner elbow or sleeve.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Stay home if you're sick, and keep your children home if they are sick.
- Clean surfaces in your home, and personal items such as cell phones, using regular household products.
- People who are not sick do not need face masks to protect themselves from respiratory viruses, including COVID-19. Ill people should wear a mask to protect family members or in any scenario where needed to prevent the spread of germs.

For information about what to do if you suspect you have symptoms, go to the CDPHE website.

For additional resources, visit the Weld County Department of Health and Environment website, the CDPHE website, or the CDC website.

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