

To slow the spread of [#COVID19](#), beginning March 17th through at least the end of March, City Hall will be closed. We will remain fully staffed, but we are asking city residents to pay city utility bills online and to call or email with any questions, comments, or concerns

Fees for paying bills online will be waived during this time period.

Critical City services will not be impacted.

The health and safety of the Dunsmuir community will always be our top priority, and we continue to monitor the Coronavirus (COVID-19) situation closely.

Although the risk of contracting the Coronavirus in our area remains low, the CDC recently shared that the Coronavirus almost certainly will continue spreading in communities in the United States, and all of us should begin preparations now.

We will continue to closely monitor and share all new developments and CDC recommendations with our residents and community partners in an effort to take additional actions as appropriate.

The federal and state government continues to recommend that the public do the following to protect themselves and others from respiratory illnesses:

- Avoid non-essential travel, public gatherings, or places where large groups of people congregate, such as ticketed events (such as theaters, concert halls, and sporting events) if you are at higher risk of getting very sick from infection, such as the elderly (65 or older), people with underlying health conditions, and pregnant women.
- Avoid travel to all areas where there are outbreaks of COVID-19.
- Follow all social distancing recommendations issued by Public Health.
- If you are mildly sick with a fever, stay home until you have been fever-free for 72 hours, except to obtain medical care.
- Those with high risk factors and who have fever or new or worsening cough, should consider contacting their providers earlier when they are sick.
- Event organizers should consider postponing or cancelling non-essential community events, especially those that may be attended by the elderly, pregnant women, or people with chronic health conditions.

As the City of Dunsmuir continues to remain proactive in monitoring and responding to COVID-19, it is vital to practice every day preventative actions to help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses, including:

- Staying home if you are sick with respiratory symptoms like fever and cough;
- **Regularly washing your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.** Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available;
- Covering your cough or sneeze with your sleeve or a tissue
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands;
- Limiting close contact with people who are sick;
- Cleaning surfaces that are touched often;
- Having an ample supply of essentials at home Planning for the possibility of business disruptions, school closures, and modifications/cancellations of select public events;
- Practicing simple social distancing strategies that limit your exposure to others who may be ill (verbal salutations in place of handshakes and hugs, not sharing utensils, cups and linens, staying six feet apart from others at public events);
- Individuals with chronic health issues and/or individuals experiencing severe symptoms should be evaluated by a medical professional