



# CITY OF FAIRBURY

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## CITY OF FAIRBURY PRESS RELEASE

**FAIRBURY, NEBRASKA**-In response to the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic, the City of Fairbury has been monitoring various governmental agencies such as the World Health Organization (WHO), Center for Disease Control (CDC), Nebraska State Government and Governor's office, Nebraska's Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Public Health Systems (PHS) as well as meeting with Jefferson County Emergency Management Services.

The CDC has updated their recommendation that groups of 10 or more people should not gather, especially if participants are from other communities, which would increase chances of the virus being transmitted into our community.

"It's important to be proactive in protecting our citizens and take social distancing seriously. This will help to "flatten the curve" and decrease the chances of the virus being transmitted." said Mayor Homer Ward. "Although this may pose some inconvenience, I appreciate everyone's patience, understanding and cooperation in the efforts to protect our community, family and friends."

**To date, there are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the City of Fairbury, however, in the interest of public safety and effective 8:00 am on Wednesday, March 18, 2020 the City is cancelling all meetings and gatherings at all City facilities including the Fairbury Public Library, the Community Center and the Girl Scout Cabin. All City Recreation programming is suspended and use of City ballfields and parks for games and practices is prohibited until further notice.** All City buildings will be closed to public access as well. The City staff will be available via telephone to provide services and conduct business. The Blue Rivers Area Agency on Aging will continue to provide meal delivery for those individuals previously approved. If you have any questions regarding this, please call Glenda VanEperen at 888.317.9417 or 402.223.1376.

The Fairbury Library is currently planning to remain open with reduced hours Monday – Friday, 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. through March 31, 2020. During that time, all library activities will be canceled and patrons are requested to limit their time in the library. Curbside service will be offered for patrons who prefer not to enter the library. If you have any questions, please contact the library directly at 402.729.2843.

To ensure continuity of operations, the City will continue to provide essential services such as electric, water, wastewater, and Code Enforcement. Payments for utilities will be accepted through the drive-through window, the drop box, over the telephone via credit card or online at [www.fairburyne.org](http://www.fairburyne.org). In addition, any applications or payments for permits, licenses, etc. from the City Office will be accepted through the drive-thru window.

For general information or questions, please contact the City Office at 402-729-2476.