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Dear City Residents,

I am writing this message to provide you an update on the city's efforts related to the Coronavirus (COVID-19). There are six confirmed cases in the state of Wisconsin with one of those cases coming from a neighboring county. While we don't know how seriously our county will be impacted by the Coronavirus, we are taking steps to ensure the safety and welfare of our residents along with the continuation of critical municipal services. To that end, the city leadership team has been meeting to update its continuation of services plan in the event that Altoona and its residents are seriously impacted by the coronavirus. Plans are in place to assure that the most critical services will continue to be provided in the event of an outbreak in our area. The City is also considering the impact on future planned city events and public meetings where people may gather.

City staff is coordinating closely with Eau Claire City-County Health Department for guidance and updates on the Coronavirus. We will be looking to them for guidance with respect to closings, event/meeting cancellations, and other related issues. The City will be regularly sharing messages from the Health Department on its social media pages (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Nextdoor), website (www.ci.altoona.wi.us), and in the weekly e-newsletter to residents. The City will also keep its residents updated on any operational impacts. You can subscribe to the weekly e-newsletter by directly emailing cityhall@ci.altoona.wi.us and asking to be signed up.

Everyone can help prevent the spread of illness in our community with a few simple, but effective, everyday actions:

- Wash your hands often.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes.
- Follow guidance from the CDC if you are traveling:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html>
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.

Consider reviewing the Eau Claire City-County Health Services COVID-19 page at coronavirus.ehealthdepartment.org which has information on county preparations and information.

Sincerely,



Brendan Pratt
Mayor



Mike Golat
City Administrator