



CITY OF KEARNEY **PRESS RELEASE** ***For Immediate Release***

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City of Kearney Update Pertaining to COVID-19

IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE, THERE ARE CURRENTLY NO CONFIRMED CASES OF COVID-19 IN KEARNEY.

However, in the interest of protecting the public's health and safety from the evolving COVID-19 pandemic, the City of Kearney has immediately implemented the following protective measures to reduce direct contact amongst citizens and employees including:

- Beginning at 5:00 p.m. today, the Peterson Senior Activity Center will close until further notice.
- Suspension of all special programming, public meeting rooms and computer labs at the Kearney Public Library.
- Restrictive access to the Law Enforcement Center.
- All other public City facilities will remain open.
 - However, we encourage citizens to call ahead to any City office to determine if requested services can be accommodated online or over the phone.
 - Additionally, we encourage the use of the City's online services such as water bill payments, building permits and library fees.

Note, decisions regarding additional measures may be taken as necessary depending on information learned throughout the coming days.

Finally, we encourage citizens to follow the recommendations put forth by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) in regards to guiding principles which include:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Wash your hands often 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.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

More information from the CDC is available by visiting <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>.

These steps implemented out of an abundance of caution are intended to protect residents and visitors. The public may keep up with City news and activities by visiting www.cityofkearney.org or following the City of Kearney Nebraska Government on social media sites including Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

Check out our web site at www.cityofkearney.org.

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