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The City of Dowagiac's first priority is the safety and security of our community. As we monitor daily, the ongoing developments and safety information related to COVID-19 (Coronavirus), we will continue following guidelines from public health authorities, including the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the Cass /Van Buren Health Department, and our own operational preparedness plan to ensure services while working to protect the well-being of our residents and colleagues. We will continue to closely monitor the situation in the days ahead and evaluate the need for additional measures to support our community if those needs arise.

At City Hall, we are diligently sanitizing counters, pens, etc. We are also washing our hands and using hand sanitizer regularly. Our staff has been directed to stay home if they are ill.

As a community, we must all play a part in providing a safe living and working environment by following some simple guidelines:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially after you have been in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- If soap and water are not readily available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, throw the tissue in the trash, and wash your hands.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Follow public health advice regarding closures and social distancing measures.

It is vital to keep in mind it is the flu season and there are other viruses that have the same symptoms as COVID-19. Our commitment is to have a safe and healthy community in every season.

If you have a question about services or need to pay a bill and are not feeling well, please call us at 782.2195 or access your accounts/services 24/7 on-line at CityOfDowagiac.org.

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