



Village of Elk Rapids

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Village Operations During Executive Order 2020-21

Executive Order 2020-21 to "Stay Home, Stay Safe" in effect through April 13, is intended to reduce the spread of the virus, buying time to ramp-up testing and hospital services. Reducing the number of new patients helps hospitals meet the demand for treating the critically ill.

Any extension of the executive order is dependent on the following decision points: virus testing, medical equipment, hospital capacity and economic indicators.

The April 6 council meeting is cancelled, due to no time sensitive agenda items.

Staff has evaluated options for electronic meetings and will implement if/when necessary. Currently the April 20 council meeting remains scheduled.

Essential village services are uninterrupted. Village staff are currently observing the following schedule:

- The Police Department schedule remains the same.
- The Department of Public Works staff is reduced with priority responsibilities for water, wastewater, trash pick-up and other necessary functions. All personnel are on-call in case of emergency.
- Compactor hours remain Wednesdays 11 am-7 pm, Saturdays 9:30 am-5 pm
- The Government Center is closed to the public with reduced staffing/hours for handling utility billing, accounts payable and other essential responsibilities. Other administrative staff will stagger working from home and office, depending on the demands of the day.
- The Government Center voicemail system is operational and checked daily. If you do not reach a staff member directly, please leave a voicemail for the appropriate person. (231) 264-9274.
- Enjoy our parks with physical distancing of 6+ feet and be aware that park equipment is not sanitized.

The village utilizes official resources for all state and federal announcements, will remain in compliance and will share current information pertinent to village operations. Please check our official website homepage at www.elkrapids.org under News & Announcements, as well as our official village Facebook page.

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