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The City of Edwardsville continues to monitor updates from multiple agencies on the status of the COVID-19 outbreak. As of Monday afternoon, Illinois now reports 12,262 confirmed positive cases, more than double one week ago. There are 52 cases reported in Madison County but no deaths. St. Clair County is reporting 92 confirmed cases (including 3 deaths). Illinois overall has reported 307 COVID-19 related deaths.

More helpful information is available on the City's website at www.cityofedwardsville.com; information and links specific to the COVID-19 outbreak can be found at www.cityofedwardsville.com/coronavirus. More information on Illinois updates can be found at coronavirus.illinois.gov/s/.

Below is a summary of current City operations:

- The next public meeting will be Edwardsville's regular City Council meeting Tuesday, April 7 at 7 p.m. at the Wildey Theatre, 252 N. Main St. Elected officials will participate electronically. The meeting is open to the public, but limited to the no more than 10 in the Wildey Theatre per Gov. Pritzker's shelter-in-place order. Attendees are subject to a brief health screening and temperature check, and then asked to wash their hands before entering the auditorium. Residents are strongly urged to participate remotely using one of the two methods below:
 - publiccomment@cityofedwardsville.com
 - [Public comment Voicemail 618-307-1715](tel:618-307-1715)
- Comments sent via voicemail and email will be read by the City Clerk at the beginning of the meeting.
- The City Council meetings will continue to be streamed live on Facebook and transmitted over ECTV Channel 993. The City will provide recordings of each meeting that will be available upon request from the City Clerk's office.
- City Hall/clerks office is closed to the public but is staffed during regular business hours. City payments can be made online or in the drop box on the side of the building. City Hall can be reached at 618-692-7500.

The following is the list of meeting dates, times and locations for the next few weeks. Meetings are open to the public, but subject to the same restrictions listed above for Council meetings:

- 7 April - City Council at Wildey Theatre 7:00 pm
- 14 April –Finance at City Council Chambers 5:00 pm
- 16 April – ACS at City Council Chambers 5:30 pm
- 20 April – Plan Commission at Wildey Theatre 7:00 pm
- 21 April – City Council at City Council Chambers 7:00 pm
- 21 April—RASE Board at City Council Chambers 5:00 pm
- 27 April – Zoning Board of Appeals at Wildey Theatre 7:00 pm
- 28 April –Finance at City Council Chambers 4:30 pm
- 30 April – ACS at City Council Chambers 5:30 pm

- Public Works Building is closed to the public. Commercial inspections remain active until further notice.
- Republic Services trash pickup continues under its normal routes; however, large item pick-up services are suspended until further notice.
- Residents are strongly urged to pay extra attention to what they are using and flushing. **Do not flush anything other than toilet paper.** Products billed as “flushable” baby wipes can still create significant problems in the sewer system.
- While the City of Edwardsville Parks remain closed, the walking paths and trails are available for use. The playgrounds, restrooms, drinking fountains, pavilions, basketball courts, volleyball courts, and baseball/softball fields will remain closed at this time.
- The Madison County Transit (MCT) bicycle/walking trails remain open for public access.
- The Public Library remains closed. For information, call 618-692-7556 or email info@edwpl.org. E-books, audiobooks, movies and music are always available online through the Library’s website and free apps. Visit <https://www.edwardsvillelibrary.org/ebooks-and-more>.
- At the Public Safety Building, the front lobby only is open to the public. Fire houses are closed to the public but staffed for emergency response.

- To minimize inherent risks to Edwardsville police officers and the public that are presented with COVID-19, some changes for reporting procedures to Edwardsville PD have been implemented. If you need police services that are non-emergency in nature, please call the Edwardsville Police Department at (618) 656-2131.
- The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) is working with partners to launch emergency assistance programs for Illinois small businesses. Information on the three programs can be found on the DCEO website at www2.illinois.gov/dceo.
- The City of Edwardsville's Feed the Community Program continues to collect checks, cash or gift cards; call the City Clerk's office at 618-692-7500 to arrange for the donations.
- A City Coalition has been created in an effort to streamline communication, and minimize oversights and duplication of efforts. Area nonprofits are encouraged to contact Natasha Howard at nhoward@edwymca.com. Groups and individuals interested in volunteering or donating to this effort should contact Jessica Johnson at jjohnson@edwymca.com

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