

March 13, 2020

Dear Solon Residents:

The health, safety and welfare of our community members remains our foremost priority as we coordinate our response during this time of uncertainty. We want to assure our residents that City leadership has been dutiful in creating a plan of action.

As we closely follow updates from the National Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the State of Ohio Guidelines and our local Cuyahoga County Board of Health, we are implementing the following decisions that will impact service and facility operations:

- The Solon Community Center, the Solon Senior Center, the Solon Center for the Arts and Grantwood Golf Course will be closed beginning Saturday, March 14. We will reevaluate the situation weekly.
- We will be providing essential services to senior residents. Contact Senior Services at 440-349-6363 for more information.
- The Community Center will be open March 17 for voting only. All other Solon voting locations will be open on March 17 as well. You may also vote prior to March 17 at the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections located at 2925 Euclid Ave., Cleveland.
- The Solon Water Reclamation Facility is closed to the public until further notice.
- City Hall, the Solon Service Department, the Solon Police Department and the Solon Fire Department will remain open. However, we ask that visitation is limited only to conducting important/necessary business.
- We are not permitting the public to attend our council and other committee meetings as they can be viewed live or at a later date on our City of Solon You Tube Channel.
- Additionally, over the past week, our buildings have received deeper and more frequent cleanings and hand sanitizers were installed at all building entrances.

Through these decisions, our goal is the continuance of balanced government operations and public safety. However, we cannot accomplish this alone. There are several ways that residents can help us in this pursuit:

- Social distancing – Social distancing is avoiding places and functions where many people are gathering and, when possible, maintaining a safe distance of about six feet from others.
- Wash your hands – hand washing is very effective at helping limit the spread of germs. Hands should be washed for approximately 20 seconds for maximum effect.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands. These are direct entry points to your body for germs.
- If you are sick, stay home – when ill, limiting your exposure to others will help slow the spread of any disease or illness.

We understand there will be challenges for our community members over the next few weeks and we are committed to providing world class service – City Hall will be open and responsive to the needs of the community. We will provide updates on the state of our closed facilities in a week. This is an opportunity for us to come together as a City and collectively rise up during a difficult time. I know Solon residents are up to this task.

For more information, visit the Ohio Department of Health website at <https://odh.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/odh/home> or call 1-833-4ASKODH (1-833-427-5634).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Edward H. Kraus".

Edward Kraus, Mayor of Solon