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PRESS RELEASE

Schenectady City Hall Closed to the Public

Essential services including Police, Fire, Waste, Water, Sewer will continue

SCHENECTADY – Mayor Gary McCarthy announced that Schenectady City Hall will be closed to the public and non-essential City services will be shut down through at least Friday, March 20, 2020. The Schenectady Police and Fire Departments, waste collection, and water and sewer services will continue to operate.

During this time, residents are encouraged to contact City Hall **online or by phone**. The City's website is www.cityofschenectady.com and the main phone line for City Hall is (518) 382-5199. Members of the public can also contact the Mayor's Office at (518) 382-5000 or by email at MayorsOffice@schenectadyny.gov.

The Buildings Department will have Code Enforcement Officers available for emergencies. For emergency building code situations, please call 911 dispatch.

For streetlight outages, temporary no parking requests, and traffic sign inquiries, the Department of Utilities can be reached by email at nonemergencyrequests@schenectadyny.gov or by phone at (518) 382-5065. For malfunctioning traffic signals, please call dispatch at (518) 630-0911.

The Bureau of Receipts can be reached by phone at (518) 382-5016 and their website is www.cityofschenectady.com/185/Bureau-of-Receipts-Tax-Payments. Property owners and members of the public are encouraged to make payments online or by mail.

For birth, death, and marriage certificates, the City Clerk's Office can be reached by phone at (518) 382-5035 and their website is www.cityofschenectady.com/192/City-Clerks-Office.

Members of the public can also report non-emergency issues through the Citizen Request Tracker feature on the City's website: www.cityofschenectady.com/RequestTracker.aspx.

According to the CDC, the flu-like symptoms of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) include coughing, fever, or trouble breathing, and may appear between 2 and 14 days after exposure. If you believe you have been exposed or have symptoms of COVID-19, please **call your doctor**.

The New York State Department of Health (NYS DOH) has a coronavirus hotline at 1-888-364-3065. Information is also available on the NYS DOH website at www.health.ny.gov/coronavirus as well as the CDC website at www.cdc.gov/COVID19.

The Schenectady County Public Health Services (SCPHS) Communicable Disease Department can be reached at 518-366-2824 x4. The Schenectady County Department of Health website is www.schenectadycounty.com/publichealth.

The CDC and the NYS DOH recommend these simple steps to help stop the spread of COVID-19 and other respiratory viruses:

- Wash hands often with soap and water, especially before eating
- Avoid close contact with sick people
- Avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth
- Stay home if you feel sick
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces

The City and County are continuing to closely monitor and prepare for the potential spread of COVID-19. Local officials have been in constant communication with Governor Andrew Cuomo's office. The Schenectady Fire and Police Departments will continue to coordinate efforts with the Schenectady County Department of Health, Schenectady County Emergency Management, local medical facilities, and other local emergency responders.

City issued permits for St. Patrick's Day events in Schenectady this weekend have been revoked. The City will also assist with enforcement of the Governor's directives related to mass gatherings and reduced occupancy.

Public meetings at City Hall and other City-sponsored public meetings scheduled through Friday, March 20, 2020 will be postponed until further notice.

As updates become available, residents are encouraged to follow the City's social media accounts as well as check the City's website and local news reports.

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