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City of Kearney COVID-19 Response Update: March 25

The City of Kearney is joining many other businesses and government offices that have decided to make changes in their working environment and operations in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic. It is of paramount importance to us that the services and operations citizens depend upon are available, while at the same time we know we must keep our employees and our citizens healthy.

As of *March 25, 2020*, the following are updates in operations from various City Departments:

City Managers Office, Michael W. Morgan, (308) 233-3214

City of Kearney offices will be closed on Fridays. Hours will be Monday – Thursday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. until further notice. During open hours, offices are still closed to the public.

Please email covid19@kearneygov.org if you are needing assistance.

Park & Recreation; Scott Hayden, (308) 233-3228

Although City of Kearney parks remain open for outdoor activities and exercise, users are advised to avoid contact with common surfaces such as playground equipment, benches, and sports equipment. Plastic is used extensively within City of Kearney playgrounds and COVID-19 can live up to three days on its surface, according to a new study from the National Institutes of Health, Centers of Disease Control (CDC), University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) and Princeton University scientists in the New England Journal of Medicine. Patrons are also advised to practice social distancing while utilizing the parks and the trails. Drinking fountains will remain off until further notice. The restrooms at the Harmon Activity Center, ERC Building at Yanney Park, and Cottonmill Lodge will remain open for the time being, and are accessible from the outside. All other park restrooms will remain closed until further notice. Please contact the Kearney Park and Recreation Department, at (308) 237-4644, for further information.

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