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CITY OF KEARNEY **PRESS RELEASE** ***For Immediate Release***

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City of Kearney COVID-19 Response Update: April 2

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 *April 2, 2020*, the following are updates in operations from various City Departments:

City Clerk, Lauren Brandt, (308) 233-3216

Kearney City Council will host a Special City Council meeting on Friday, April 3 at 12:00 p.m. To access this meeting please use the following information:

Using GoToMeeting (no account/subscription/payment required):

- *View from your computer, tablet or smartphone:*
<https://www.gotomeet.me/CityofKearney>
- *View through the GoToMeeting App: 773-693-677 (known as the Meeting ID)*
- *Listen to audio only through your phone: 1-224-501-3412*
Access Code: 773-693-677 followed by the pound or hash sign

Peterson Senior Center; Deb Eirich, (308) 233-3290

The meal program offered at the Peterson Senior Activity Center will end on Friday, April 3, until further notice. Patrons are encouraged to utilize the Hot Meals program. Meals are free and can be picked up at the Museum of Nebraska Art, from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Monday-Saturday. Meals are also being delivered throughout Kearney. Contact the Jubilee Center, at 308-234-3880, by 1:30 p.m. the day before, for Hot Meals delivery.

Sanitation; Steve Hart, (308) 233-3206

The City of Kearney Sanitation and Recycling Division would like assistance from the community to better protect Sanitation and Recycling employees. Starting immediately, all customers that are experiencing the symptoms or are quarantined due to the coronavirus should double bag all infectious waste products such as: facial tissues, sanitary wipes, diapers, and other items that the person having symptoms has utilized.

Additionally, if this person's household participates in the city's recycling program, they should immediately suspend their recycling effort and continue this suspension for at least 2 weeks after all members of the residence are clear of the virus symptoms. All material that would normally be recycled should be placed in the household refuse container. These efforts are to reduce the spread of the virus by contact of items that may have been exposed to the virus from the carrier. The City of Kearney realizes that the recycling program is very important but due to the health concerns, the city feels these steps are needed to protect everyone.

The Sanitation and Recycling Division greatly appreciates everyone's assistance in helping control the spread of the virus. Please continue to monitor the media for any other news releases notifying customers of changes within service policies.

Check out our web site at www.cityofkearney.org.

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