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City of Gladstone Establishes Community Advisory and Closes City Facilities

Gladstone, MO. - In response to COVID-19 concerns, the City of Gladstone is taking steps to mitigate the risk of exposure and to ensure the health of our community, while maintaining City services. Beginning Monday, March 16 at 5:00 p.m., all City facilities will be closed to the public through May 15th or until health professionals advise otherwise. This includes:

- Gladstone City Hall
- Gladstone Community Center
- Gladstone Animal Shelter
- Gladstone Fire Stations (tours and classes)
- Gladstone Municipal Court (located inside City Hall)
- Gladstone Public Works
The Gladstone Police Department lobby entrance located on the west side of City Hall will remain open.

During this time the City encourages residents and customers to take advantage of online City services including payment of City water bills and court fines. Pay your water bill online at https://www.gladstone.mo.us/citizenaccess/. The City encourages all customers to make regular payments as they are able.

Scheduled board and commission meetings without necessary action items will be postponed.

The City is working across all departments and with the Clay County Public Health Center and other healthcare professionals to prevent potential spread of the virus and ensure proper measures and precautions are in place. It is important that individuals at higher risk for serious illness, due to age or long-term health problems, take action to reduce their risk.

**Gladstone residents should stay informed and ensure they are receiving accurate information from reliable sources.** The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Clay County Public Health Center (CCPHC) provide up-to-date information on their websites and social media platforms. The City of Gladstone website will also provide links to the CDC, CCPHC, DHSS as well as Gladstone specific updates as more information becomes available. The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) has activated a 24/7 phone hotline (877.435.8411) for the public or providers to receive information or guidance related to COVID-19. The City of Gladstone will continue to provide the latest information, relating to cancellation and closure of City hosted events and programs in an effort to keep our citizens updated.