

Press Release

Frankfort Announces COVID-19 Precautions

The Village of Frankfort continues to monitor development of the COVID-19 national emergency and intends to follow guidance of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and related County health offices as circumstances evolve. Please be aware the Village may announce additional cancelations and any of the following policies are subject to change as the situation warrants.

“We will continue to take direction from state and federal health authorities concerning the Village offices, employees and public gatherings,” said Mayor Jim Holland, assuring citizens the Village government is “taking steps that are appropriate.”

Effective immediately, the Village of Frankfort is modifying its operations for the eight week period thru May 11, 2020 to promote social distancing and good health habits. All essential village services are expected to remain operational. We ask our residents, utility customers, businesses, employees and others for their cooperation and understanding during this challenging time. Below is a summary of precautions in effect.

- Village Board meetings remain scheduled to carry out business of the Village.
- Village officials will practice social distancing.
- Meetings may be continued, postponed or canceled in the event a business item draw public interest in a manner inconsistent with social distancing principals.
- The March 26th Plan Commission meeting is canceled.
- Future Plan Commission meetings and agendas will be coordinated and set with primary consideration for maintenance of social distancing principals.
- Frankfort Country Market – Spring Market, is canceled. April 26 thru May 31.

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- IEPA Public Water Supply Loan Program Informational Meeting, scheduled for March 20, status to be determined based upon guidance from the State of Illinois.
- All other public meetings and Village-sponsored events are suspended during this time.

Canceled events and meetings include:

- Illinois State Treasurer ICash Program – April 6
 - Village Committees – April 8
 - Earth Day Celebration – April 25
- Reduced public access to Village facilities. We ask the public to make all efforts possible to conduct their interactions with the Village by telephone, email or other electronic means. The Village prefers non-electronic payment of water bills be delivered to the payment drop box located in front of the Village Hall at 432 W. Nebraska Street.
 - Reservation of public meeting space is suspended.
 - All facilities will receive increased attention to cleaning and sanitization. Hand sanitizer and antibacterial soap is made available for use at all Village facilities.
 - All non-essential inspections of occupied structures are on hold.
 - Any other non-essential service to an occupied structure is on hold.

At the March 16 Village Board meeting, Holland recognized “all of us are being impacted by COVID-19. Some will be impacted more than others. I know that Frankfort residents will think about ways to help their families, their friends, and their neighbors with this issue. I hope that we will also find ways to help our local businesses.”

Many businesses have adapted to the current situation by offering curbside pickup or delivery options. Residents are encouraged to check with local businesses to learn how they can lend support during this difficult time.

“I have confidence that our country’s medical professionals will give us good advice and that they will solve this issue. The COVID-19 disease of 2020 will pass, and we will get our lives back to normal,” said Mayor Holland.