

# COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Updates

*COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update for the City of Beaver Dam*

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## **GENERAL INQUIRIES:**

Please call us at 920-887-4600, as it is likely you can complete your request or transaction without in-person interactions.

## **UTILITY BILL PAYMENTS:**

We will be extending the due date for utility bill payments from March 20 to March 27.

In addition to mailing your payments, two drop boxes are available at City Hall. One is located street-side on Lincoln Avenue, and the other is located next to the rear entrance.

We also encourage you to consider using Xpress Bill Pay, our convenient online bill payment service. Please visit our website at [cityofbeaverdam.com](http://cityofbeaverdam.com) and select "Pay Bills" from the home page to be directed to the Xpress Bill Pay website.

## **CITY GOVERNMENT MEETINGS:**

All non-essential City committee meetings will be cancelled immediately until further notice. Staff will be severely limiting group contact for meetings and conferences. The next regularly scheduled Common Council meeting is set for April 6, 2020 at 7:30 PM at City Hall. We are encouraging the general public to consider foregoing in-person attendance in favor of viewing the recorded meetings.

## **CITY HALL CLOSURE:**

City Hall is closed, except for absentee voting/registration for April 7th election. However, we are urging voters to avoid appearing in person by using mailed ballots and on-line registration (see below). City Hall staff will remain working, either at City Hall or remotely. You can contact City Hall at 920-887-4600. Appointments may be accepted by contacting the applicable department (<https://www.cityofbeaverdam.com/egov/apps/staff/directory.egov>), however face-to-face meetings are discouraged.

**ABSENTEE VOTING:** April 7, 2020, Spring Election and Presidential Preference Vote

***ALL VOTERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO VOTE ABSENTEE BY MAIL***

**Requesting a Ballot by Mail:** To request a ballot be mailed to you at home please visit the MyVote website (<https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/>) using Google Chrome as your web browser. You may be required to submit photo identification with your application. Please visit the Bring it to the Ballot (<https://bringit.wi.gov/>) website for information on photo identification. The deadline for requesting a ballot by mail is 5:00 p.m. on April 2, 2020.

**Registering to Vote:** To register to vote online, your address on your driver's license or identification card must be current. You can change your address online with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. Please allow 24 hours after you change your address with the Department of Transportation before registering to vote online. You can also print your application from this site and mail it to the clerk's office. Proof of residence is required with your mailed application. **The deadline to register to vote online or by mail is March 18, 2020.** After this date, you must appear in person. Please see the City of Beaver Dam webpage (<https://www.cityofbeaverdam.com/division/blocks.php?structureid=57>) for more information on deadlines and proof of residence.

### **INSPECTION SERVICES:**

Please call 887-4600, ext 340 for all building permits and inspection related inquiries. Please see the City of Beaver Dam webpage at (<https://www.cityofbeaverdam.com/departments/index.php?structureid=72>) to find permit applications under the "Forms" section.

### **THE WATERMARK CLOSURE:**

The Watermark is closed until further notice. No in-person business or programs will take place, but our staff team will be available by phone (920-887-4639) to help customers with questions, program registrations and other Watermark business. Those hours will be Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

### **BEAVER DAM COMMUNITY LIBRARY CLOSURE:**

The Beaver Dam Community Library is closed until further notice. We realize this impacts those who use the library greatly. We are currently developing staffing and service models to continue to provide essential library services while our physical building is closed.

All due dates for library items currently checked out and pickup dates for items on our hold shelves have been extended to April 30. They will continue to be extended until such time as the library re-opens. You will keep your place in the holds queue for holds already placed.

Outdoor book drops remain open. However, if you or any members of your household have any symptoms of COVID-19, please do not return your library materials right now. Remember, we are now a fine-free library.

We encourage you to access the many digital services your library provides, such as eBooks, eAudiobooks, digital magazines, databases and online classes. Hoopla checkouts have been

increased to 30 per patron per month so that you can access more TV series, movies, and music now, as well as eBooks and eAudiobooks. Please visit the Beaver Dam Digital Library at [www.cityofbeaverdam.com/library](http://www.cityofbeaverdam.com/library) or through the Beaver Dam Community Library catalog at <https://bdam.ent.sirsi.net>.

**PUBLIC WORKS, PARKS, WATER UTILITY, AND WASTEWATER UTILITY:**

These locations are closed to the public. A sign is posted for "appointments only."

**GENERAL COUNTY, STATE AND NATIONAL HEALTH INFO:**

Prevent the spread - wash your hands regularly for at least 20 seconds with soap and water, cover your coughs and sneezes, and stay home when you are ill.

The Dodge County Health Department has several resources available to individuals, families, and businesses regarding COVID-19. That information is available here: <https://www.co.dodge.wi.gov/government/departments-e-m/human-services-health-department/coronavirus-information>.

The recommendation of the Wisconsin Department of Health Services is if you traveled to a country with a level 3 travel health notice for COVID-19, you will be asked to self-quarantine for 14 days after returning to Wisconsin. If you have a fever, cough, and shortness of breath, seek medical attention and stay home. This means do not go to school, work, enter public buildings, or attend large gatherings. Please See the Wisconsin Department of Health Services' website for more details on self-quarantining: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/index.htm>.