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CITY OF HARVEY DECLARES STATE OF EMERGENCY

COVID-19 cases Reported in Neighboring Communities

HARVEY, IL – Due to the coronavirus pandemic, Mayor Christopher J. Clark issued a Declaration of Local State of Emergency. The City of Harvey is taking proactive measures to mitigate the local impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. The declaration will assist Harvey agencies with coordinating County, State and Federal resources to support and implement emergency preparedness plans and operations.

Mayor Christopher J. Clark stated, *“My Office has the duty and obligation to ensure the health and well-being of our residents, especially our vulnerable senior and disabled populations. We will take all steps necessary to fulfill that duty.”*

Harvey, has canceled all city meetings and events to reduce the threat of spreading COVID-19. Mayor Clark issued an executive order declaring all bars, taverns, private clubs, social clubs, nightclubs, gentleman's clubs and entertainment venues closed until further notice.

Essential staff will continue working at City Hall during the state of emergency. Residents are encouraged to pay utility bills online at www.cityofharveyil.gov. Additionally, they can drop payments at the drop box located on the north side of the building. All water shut-offs are suspended until May 1st 2020. Non-critical services also are suspended. Residents with urgent matters should call (708) 210-5300 to make an appointment.

Harvey residents can create their *Smart 911* safety profile to stay up to date on local coronavirus information. They are instructed to sign up at www.cityofharveyil.gov. The City will be in communication as more information develops.

Anyone experiencing symptoms, such as a fever above 100°F, cough and shortness of breath, or residents who have recently traveled to affected areas should first self-quarantine and contact their doctor or local emergency room for additional instructions.

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