

Update from Mayor Bud Starker

Dear Wheat Ridge Community,

On Friday, March 13, 2020, I called a special emergency meeting of the Wheat Ridge City Council for the purpose of enacting emergency measures to protect the health, safety, and welfare of our residents in light of the dangers posed by the COVID-19 virus. At that time the Council canceled our study session of March 16, 2020 and the City Council Retreat on March 20-21, and postponed our meeting of March 23, 2020 for one week.

In order to limit the potential spread of this disease, the Council ordered the closing of the Wheat Ridge Recreation Center, the Active Adult Center, and the Anderson Park building to all public business through March 29, as well as the cancellation of other events, classes, and meetings scheduled in the City. In addition, public access to City Hall will be restricted and City employees will continue to work with the public by telephone, email, and through the City website. Please check the City's website for the most current information and instructions on how to access City services.

<https://www.ci.wheatridge.co.us/1767/COVID-19>

In taking these actions, City Council is responding to the most up-to-date guidance from federal, state, and local public health officials. This public health emergency is evolving very quickly and more changes affecting our daily lives may be on the horizon. We will continue to monitor these changes and provide you with the latest information on our website and on City social media outlets. (Facebook, Twitter and NextDoor)

I would like to stress the fact that we are in a state of emergency which raises awareness and creates a greater sense of urgency for our response. We have extensive resources in our community, from excellent medical providers to dedicated public safety professionals, and our city staff and elected officials are collaborating to provide leadership. I am also confident in the caring and compassion of our residents who will continue to help and support each other as the impact of this disease continues to unfold.

Please stay healthy.

Mayor Bud Starker