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The City of Rochester encourages local lodging facilities to temporarily adjust practices for Rochester residents

April 6, 2020 – ROCHESTER, MINN. – In Rochester and across the country, hotels have a wide variety of policies in place that prevent managers and staff from renting rooms to local residents. These policies protect hoteliers from seeing their rooms destroyed by ill-intentioned guests and other undesirable activity.

But – in light of the COVID-19 pandemic – the City of Rochester is asking local lodging and hospitality businesses to temporarily adjust their policies. Aaron Parrish, Deputy Administrator for the City of Rochester, said the city has been receiving reports from medical professionals seeking temporary facilities and community members looking for safe spaces to self-quarantine, but they are being turned away from Rochester hotels.

“We understand and respect the local resident policies some hotels have in place,” said Parrish, “but, during these unprecedented times, we are asking that you relax these policies and allow Rochester residents to social distance to protect the health of their families and other members of our community.”

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**NOVEL CORONAVIRUS
(COVID-19) PANDEMIC**



EMERGENCY DECLARATIONS

**Stay at Home
Executive Order 20-20**
Effective March 27 – April 10

**City of Rochester
Declaration of Local Emergency**
Issued March 17, 2020

**Olmsted County
Public Health Emergency**
Issued March 17, 2020

**Minnesota Peacetime State of
Emergency EM-3453**
Issued March 13, 2020

**National Emergency
Concerning Novel Coronavirus
Disease (COVID-19) Outbreak**
Issued March 13, 2020

LOCAL ACTIVATIONS

**City of Rochester
Emergency Operations Plan**

Joint Information Center (JIC)

**City of Rochester Emergency
Operations Center (EOC)**

EOC STRATEGY

Ensure Community Lifelines

EOC OBJECTIVES

- Continuity of Operations
- Timely Community and Teammate Communication
- Economic Stability
- Community Stability
- Healthcare System Support

Lifelines enable the continuous operation of critical government and business functions and are essential to human health and safety or economic security.

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