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**City of Rochester to Implement Organization Wide Resiliency, Reopening, and COVID-19 Recovery Preparedness Plan While Continuing with Online Service**

May 15, 2020 – ROCHESTER, MINN. – The City of Rochester is committed to the health and safety of its residents, visitors, and teammates as the community and City organization start the reopening process. While the specific dates of the City’s phased organizational reopening have not yet been finalized at this time, the earliest any facilities will potentially open to the public is Monday, June 1, 2020. This decision was made to ensure all safety measures are in place and the City’s COVID-19 Recovery Preparedness Plan can be clearly communicated to the Rochester community, facility visitors and City teammates.

“The City will continue to provide City services online and by phone as we work to safely reopen,” said City Administrator Steve Rymer. “We are focused on supporting the community during these difficult times. This is all meant to assist with decreasing the probability for any spikes in COVID-19 cases.”

The objective of the COVID-19 Recovery Preparedness Plan is to address return-to-work safeguards intended to minimize the potential for virus transmission in the workplace and community. The reopening success will require an ongoing, cooperative effort among all teammates and community members.

The City will share details about the opening of facilities and in-person services as information is finalized and becomes available. The community can find up-to-date information on city services on City’s COVID-19 webpage or by calling the Rochester COVID-19 Information Hotline at 507-328-2822, which is open every day, including weekends, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

The COVID-19 Recovery Preparedness Plan follows the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) guidelines and federal OSHA standards related to COVID-19 and addresses general return-to-work guidelines, prevention measures, social distancing controls, and general protocols.

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



**EMERGENCY DECLARATIONS**

**Stay at Home  
Executive Order 20-20**  
*Effective until May 18*

**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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