

# City Officials Approve Limited Use of City Hall and Northfield Public Library

## Closed to the Public March 20 – April 3

### Northfield, MN (March 19, 2020)

City officials have approved limited use of City Hall by staff and community members after declaration of a Local Emergency at their regular City Council meeting on Tuesday, March 17. As of March 20, 2020 Both City Hall and the Northfield Public Library are closed to the public and alternative work schedules are encouraged.

As a general rule, contact City staff, City Council, Board & Commission Members using the city website <https://www.ci.northfield.mn.us/> The staff directory is located here <https://www.ci.northfield.mn.us/directory.aspx> . The main phone number is (507) 645-8833.

City Administration, Communications & Human Resources, Community Development, Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV), Engineering, Finance, Library and IT staff continue to work and are available by telephone, email, and online meetings.

There are currently 89 confirmed cases in Minnesota. Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019, commonly known as “COVID-19,” which is a respiratory disease that can result in serious injury or death, is spreading globally and has been identified by the World Health Organization (“WHO”) as a pandemic.

Necessary resources to respond to and recover from this pandemic will likely exceed those resources available within the City, and additional resources may be needed from Rice County, Dakota County, and state and federal sources.

The United States Center for Disease Control (“CDC”) and Minnesota Department of Health (“MDH”) have advised that aggressive community mitigation strategies are necessary to slow the transmission of COVID-19, reduce illness and deaths, and limit the economic impacts of the outbreak. Visit [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov) and [www.health.state.mn.us](http://www.health.state.mn.us) for more information about COVID-19.

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