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Pittsfield Township Administrative Office Buildings to Begin Re-Opening

Pittsfield Township, MI (June 9, 2020): In mid-March, Pittsfield Township compiled an administrative emergency response protocol to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. With the sudden onset of the Great Pandemic and subsequent Executive Orders issued by the Governor of Michigan, Pittsfield Township's non-emergency personnel have not missed a beat in the provision of services to our residents and businesses but have done so mostly remotely in adherence to the Governor's Executive Orders.

Communications and updates have been kept up through various channels, including ensuring 24-hour response time for all incoming calls/emails. The <http://www.pittsfield-mi.gov/covid19> webpage has been established as a central clearinghouse of information.

In May, the Governor of Michigan outlined six (6) stages of transition through the Great Pandemic, as noted below. Currently, at Stage 4, the Michigan Safe Start Plan, calls for defining protocols for safe workplace practices. To that end, we have compiled a Pandemic Transition Protocol (PTP) for Pittsfield Township, available at the Township website. The protocol focuses on providing guidelines to begin providing greater physical access to non-emergency administrative services in a manner that is safe and responsible. Given the fluid nature of both the Great Pandemic and the public's response to the same, it is imperative to note that the guidelines and recommendations of the PTP may and shall be revised in order to address evolving conditions, as necessary.

The central focus, since March 15th, has been and will remain providing for the safety and well-being of Pittsfield Township employees, residents, and businesses and all other stakeholders.

Beginning, June 15th, each Department Director, along with the Clerk and Treasurer, will work with their staff to outline schedules that provide for staggering and physical distancing. In order to provide for the requisite physical distancing and staggering of work schedules that best protects the safety and well-being of both employees and customers, Pittsfield Township customers, i.e., members of the public whether residents or others, must make an appointment if they need to conduct a face-to-face meeting with a Township employee. Services by the Clerk's Office, including voting, do NOT require an appointment.

Use and rental of Township buildings/facilities - with the exception of Park pavilions and athletic fields - by members of the public for non-Township related businesses is suspended through August 31, 2020. With regard to recreational programming:

Parks

- All Township Parks remain open, dawn – dusk
- Public restrooms and play structures at the Parks have been re-opened
- Pavilion and athletic play field rentals have resumed, subject to adherence with safety protocols

Recreation

- Summer Day Camp will not be held this year
- Online recreational programming is being provided for youth and adult classes such as Bingo, Book Club, Creative Writing Club, and Karate. For regular updates and more information on these: <https://www.pittsfield-mi.gov/>
- Indoor programming is cancelled through August 31, 2020.

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