



## City Hall closed to public access to aid in protecting employee health and the community

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KENOSHA – Walk-in services are suspended effective 5 p.m. Friday, March 20 at City Hall, the Kenosha Water Utility and other City buildings, in an effort to protect employee and community health during the current outbreak of the COVID-19 (Corona virus).

City employees are still working – either on-site or remotely -- and will continue to offer government services, including early voting in the upcoming Presidential Preference and Spring Election.

“Our goal is to protect the health and safety of City employees and Kenosha residents, while continuing to offer government services,” said Mayor John Antaramian. “All vital functions will continue to be provided.”

City offices are closed to walk-in service through Thursday, April 30, and tentatively set to re-open on Friday, May 1. The mayor has temporarily suspended public information meetings of 10 or more citizens until at least April 23. City boards and commissions will not meet until further notice. The exceptions will be those required by law or deemed necessary by the chairperson after consultation with the Mayor. Common Council continues to meet as scheduled.

“Citizens should exercise good judgment,” Antaramian said. “If anyone feels ill they should stay home and avoid exposure to others.”

### **Elections**

All voters are encouraged to participate in the April 7 Presidential Preference Spring Election

by voting an absentee ballot by mail. To receive a ballot by mail, requests can be made on [myvote.wi.gov](http://myvote.wi.gov), or by email, [elections@kenosha.org](mailto:elections@kenosha.org), or send request to City Clerk, 625 52nd Street, Kenosha, WI 53140. Include a copy of acceptable photo ID.

Limited appointments are available for voters who would like to vote on an absentee ballot in person. Voters should keep in mind that there is no difference between voting absentee by mail and voting absentee in person. The ballots and certificate envelopes are the same. All ballots, cast by mail or in person, are counted on election day. Appointments are available Monday through Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> to April 3<sup>rd</sup>, every half hour from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. (7 a.m., 7:30 a.m., 8 a.m., 8:30 a.m.), two people per appointment. To make an appointment, email [elections@kenosha.org](mailto:elections@kenosha.org) or call 262-653-4020.

If not registered, voters can make an appointment during the times listed above, or drop off their absentee ballot request and voter registration application accompanied by a copy of acceptable proof of residence in the white drop boxes outside of City Hall, 625-52nd St. (located on Eighth Avenue near the driveway of the parking lot and outside of the west entrance). Acceptable forms of proof of residence include a Wisconsin driver's license or ID, a utility bill, bank statement, or credit card statement. Additional forms can be found <https://elections.wi.gov/voters>.

For voters residing in wards 50, 51, 52, 53, 84 and 85, the Immanuel Church polling location at 6009 Pershing Boulevard has been relocated to the Kenosha United School District Educational Support Center at 3600 52<sup>nd</sup> Street.

The situation concerning COVID-19 and the upcoming elections is fluid and quickly evolving, so guidance changes daily. The Wisconsin Elections Commission is working with federal and state public health officials to determine the most effective guidance to provide to local election officials dealing with this crisis. The City Clerk's office will provide additional information as it is available.

### **Municipal Court**

Hearings scheduled to occur between March 19 and April 30 will be rescheduled unless specifically deemed necessary by the Court. Any party desiring a hearing is encouraged to contact the municipal court office to arrange for a telephone, electronic or audiovisual hearing; and if necessary, for a personal appearance.

The Kenosha Municipal Court Clerk's office will accept payments, issue receipts and process court orders through telephone, email and U.S. mail.

Contact the Municipal Court office: 262-653-4220 or email: [municipalcourt@kenosha.org](mailto:municipalcourt@kenosha.org).

Mailing address: 625 52<sup>nd</sup> Street, room 97, Kenosha WI 53140.

### **City Parks**

Due to COVID-19 concerns and in consideration of the health and welfare of the citizens of Kenosha and the many visitors to the Dream Playground, the Parks Division will close the

Dream Playground located in Petzke Park effective March 20 until further notice.

The City's Municipal Golf Course at Washington Park remains closed and the opening date for the season will be determined at a later date.

Other City parks are open as usual, from sunrise to 10 p.m.

### **City Development**

Planning, zoning and community development services will be provided by department staff by email or phone.

Contact: [citydevelopment@kenosha.org](mailto:citydevelopment@kenosha.org) or phone: 262-653-4030.

### **City Inspections**

Effective March 23, 2020, and until further notice all applications for permits and required plans must be submitted electronically to the Department of Inspections for the City of Kenosha. All applications should be available at [www.kenosha.org/departments/city-inspection](http://www.kenosha.org/departments/city-inspection). If an application is not available please call [262-653-4263](tel:262-653-4263). Once approved and paid for, all permits will be emailed to the applicant. Any questions or requests for assistance may be directed to [262-653-4263](tel:262-653-4263) and staff will assist.

### **City Transit**

City of Kenosha buses continue to operate regularly and are being cleaned thoroughly every day. The transit lobby is closed to the public.

### **Kenosha Water Utility**

The household hazardous waste collection scheduled for April 4 has been canceled. Collection dates scheduled for May and beyond will be re-evaluated at a later date. All Utility billing and payments will continue without interruptions. Payment options are as follows:

- Drop box located at Kenosha Water Utility, 4401 Green Bay Road
- Drop box located on the boulevard at Eighth Avenue and 56th Street
- Johnson Bank - All Kenosha Offices
- Festival Foods - 3207 80th Street (checks only)
- Southern Lakes Credit Union - All Kenosha Offices
- Lou Perrine's Gas and Groceries - 5145 Sheridan Road (checks only)
- Automatic Bill Payment Plan (ACH) - Go to [www.directpaymentplan.com](http://www.directpaymentplan.com) or call 262-653-4300
- To pay using a major credit card (Visa, Mastercard, Discover, American Express) call 1-800-272-9829 or visit: [www.officialpayments.com](http://www.officialpayments.com) (subject to outside vendor convenience fees).

### **Public Works: Waste Division**

Residential waste and recycling collection continues to operate on the regular schedule. New procedures are in place at the bulk waste drop off site, 1001 50<sup>th</sup> St., with a goal of protecting the health of employees and the public. The bulk waste site will continue operations during its regular schedule: Tuesdays from 9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. (except holidays). Tickets are still required.

The Yard Waste/Brush drop off site at 4071 88<sup>th</sup> Ave. will delay its opening for the season to Monday, April 27.

Contact information for City departments and services include:

Assessing: 262-653-4480

City Administration/Mayor's office: 262-653-4000

City Clerk-Treasurer: 262-653-4020

City Development: 262-653-4030

City Inspections: 262-653-4263

Human Resources: 262-653-4130

Municipal Court: 262-653-4220

Public Works: 262-653-4050

Special Events: 262-653-4177

Transportation: 262-653-4290

Water Utility: 262-653-4300

The Kenosha County Health Department posts regular updates on its web page:

<https://www.kenoshacounty.org/>