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Charlestown Mayor Extends Stay-at-Home Order Through April 30th

On April 3, 2020, Mayor Treva Hodges of the City of Charlestown issued executive order 2020-EO-3 declaring a warning-level local travel emergency and directing residents of the city to stay at home except for necessary travel through April 30, 2020. The order is an extension of prior executive order 2020-EO-1, issued by the Mayor on March 18th and affirmed by the Common Council with Resolution 2020-R-3, which declared a local disaster emergency due to the outbreak of the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19).

The new order limits necessary travel to trips related to buying food items, medicine, or other items required to maintain health while remaining at home, travel for essential business as defined by Governor Eric Holcomb's Executive Order 20-08, and travel to and from work for essential employees. The order allows for the continuation of volunteer services and travel for outdoor activities that can be pursued while observing physical distancing protocol as provided by the Centers for Disease Control.

In addition to the new travel advisory, Mayor Hodges announced the continued closing of all City facilities including parks, playgrounds, and rental facilities as well as a ban on privately held yard sales until at least May 11.

"While the governor has extended his stay at home order for an additional two weeks, medical experts believe we will see our peak infections around mid to late April," said Hodges. "The decision to extend our local advisory to the end of the month is made with this timeline in mind."

"No mayor wants to be the person who has to shut down playgrounds and cancel parties," Hodges said, "but in our current circumstances we must take all appropriate precautions to control the spread of this virus and help ease the strain on our medical facilities."

People placed on quarantine or those who are medically vulnerable may sign up for daily check-ins from the city by registering online via the city's website at CityofChalestown.com/AOP. Additional resources and information related to the local response to COVID-19 can be found at CityofCharlestown.com/COVID19.

"I know these are hard days for us. My heart goes out especially to our high school seniors who are missing many of their beloved milestones due to the drastic steps we're forced to take to deal with this emergency. But I also know we will rally together as a community to get through this as quickly and as safely as possible," Hodges said. "When this is over, when we have the all-clear, I promise we will get together as a community to celebrate and we will certainly make sure our high school graduates receive the recognition they deserve."

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