

# ***City of Sedalia Civil Emergency Declaration***

## ***March 30, 2020***

I, John Kehde, Mayor of the City of Sedalia issue a 30 day Civil Emergency Declaration, due to the first case of COVID-19 being recently confirmed in Pettis County and the President's order over the weekend (March 29, 2020).

Following the guidance of the President, our Governor, their staffs, and our local health care professionals, I have implemented the following effective immediately through April 30, 2020.

1. If you or any of your family members feel sick, stay home. Contact your medical provider or if you do not have a medical provider, contact one of the following:
  - a. Bothwell Regional Health Care Walk-In Clinic (660) 827-7900; also online COVID-19 assessment available at [brhc.org](http://brhc.org)
  - b. AFC Urgent Care (660) 951-1091
  - c. Katy Trail Community Health 877-733-5824
  - d. Or Pettis County Health Department [www.pettiscountyhealthcenter.com](http://www.pettiscountyhealthcenter.com)
2. If someone in your household has tested positive for the coronavirus, keep the entire household at home. Stay in contact with your medical provider. Reach out to find assistance such as through our help line, (660) 851-7686, to have your basic needs brought to you.
3. If you are an older person and or a person with a serious underlying health condition that can put you at increased risk (for example, a condition that impairs your lung or heart function or weakens your immune system), stay home and away from other people.
4. Even if you are young, or otherwise healthy, you are at risk and your activities can increase the risk for others. It is critical that you do your part to stop the spread of the coronavirus:
  - a. Work or engage in schooling from home whenever possible.
  - b. If you work in a critical infrastructure industry, as defined by the Department of Homeland Security, such as healthcare services and pharmaceutical and food supply, you have a special responsibility to maintain your normal work schedule. You and your employers should follow CDC guidance to protect your health at work.
  - c. Avoid social gatherings in groups of more than 10 people.
  - d. Avoid eating or drinking in bars, restaurants, and food courts – use drive-thru, pickup, or delivery options.
  - e. Avoid gyms and other areas indoor and outdoor where people congregate and surfaces are difficult to keep disinfected.

- f. Avoid discretionary travel, shopping trips, and social visits.
  - g. Do not visit nursing homes or retirement or long-term care facilities unless to provide critical assistance.
  - h. Maintain at least six feet (6') of distance between all individuals that are not family members
5. Practice good hygiene:
- a. Wash your hands with soap and water often for at least 20 seconds, especially after touching any frequently used item or surface. If soap and water are not available, use a hand sanitizer that contains 60% alcohol.
  - b. Avoid touching your face, particularly with unwashed hands.
  - c. Sneeze or cough into a tissue, or the inside of your elbow and then wash your hands.
  - d. Disinfect frequently used items and surfaces as much as possible.
6. Businesses shall adhere to these rules and take precautions to protect all employees and your patrons. Any business where this is not practical should close.

Further, I have ordered the following specific steps to slow the spread of the virus at City facilities and for City employees:

- 1. All City facilities are now and will continue to be limited access to employees only. Taken steps to increase air makeup and disinfection for those that remain. Various departments have identified employees to work remotely.
- 2. Parks have limited access to where all facilities are closed to the public, all playground equipment is closed, and the use of shelters are prohibited.
- 3. Solid waste pickup procedures have been modified in efforts to contain any potential contaminants.
- 4. For graveside funeral services, we have limited the use of nonessential surfaces such as chairs and we are encouraging social distancing among attendees.
- 5. Municipal Court has been delayed to comply with the limited access of facilities and prevent gatherings larger than 10.
- 6. Use of technology to conduct essential meetings virtually, while still providing access and transparency to the public.

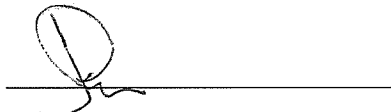
Please note that this situation takes personal responsibility. Many have but unfortunately too many have not. We are all in this together and if everyone will do his or her part, together we will get through this.

We will continue to monitor the situation closely and seek the advice of our health care professionals and provide updates.

We have added a page to our website with an accumulation of important information and links. This page can be accessed through the button at the top of the home page of [www.cityofsedalia.com](http://www.cityofsedalia.com). Further, we have reallocated resources to staff a help line to assist residents with issues related to the pandemic. This assistance is geared towards helping individuals find solutions. We have sufficient staffing to operate the phone lines Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; however, we also have coverage for many evenings and weekends. Please call (660) 851-7686 or email [covidhelpline@cityofsedalia.com](mailto:covidhelpline@cityofsedalia.com) and we will work to find solutions for you.

Further, I assure you that we remain on the job and committed to providing essential services. Our first order of business continues to ensure that we remain capable of providing public safety, sewer, water, and solid waste disposal. Please help us protect our first responders and utility workers. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we modify these services with the goal of keeping them healthy so they can continue to protect us and supply safe water.

In conclusion, our goal is to minimize the risks, stay healthy and get back to normal in 30 days. Please do your part and make it the Best Day Ever.

  
John Kehde, Mayor