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City of Decatur offices to restrict public access starting March 17th, 2020

Due to the most recent federal and state guidelines regarding the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), the City of Decatur is putting procedures in place to reduce the opportunity for exposure. We are not aware of any current cases in Decatur, however, the safety of our citizens will remain our top priority.

- The City Council and Board of Works meetings for Tuesday will be postponed.
- City of Decatur will be restricting public access to City offices until further notice.
 Payments can be placed in the drop box behind City Hall, online or by mail.

We have the opportunity to take advantage of the relatively early stage of this pandemic in our country. Other countries which did not do this are seeing exponentially growing cases and severe illness. We have all seen the idea of flattening the curve. We must all do our part to slow the spread by adhering to the guidelines of social distancing set forth by the CDC and local and state health departments. I know that some of the measures seem drastic but they are becoming more and more important by the day.

This is going to be a stressful time for everyone. We must all work together to protect our families and the rest of our residents. If you have elderly neighbors, call and check on their well-being. See if you can pick up supplies for them. If you have children in your neighborhood who may need help with meals, offer to help. We are a strong, supportive community, let's come together and slow the spread of this virus and keep from overburdening our healthcare system.

North Adams Community Schools will be delivering meals to children at lunch time. A list of drop-off locations and times is on their website. <u>https://www.nadams.k12.in.us/</u>

Other important websites: <u>https://www.cdc.gov</u>

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