

CITY OF WHEATON NEWSLETTER

July 2020

CITY NOTES

City Offices Closed

Non-emergency City of Wheaton Offices will be closed on Friday, July 3, in observance of Independence Day. Offices will reopen on Monday, July 6.

Garbage to Maintain Regular Schedule During Holiday Weekend

Garbage will maintain its regular schedule as Independence Day falls on a Saturday.

Read the Annual Water Quality Report

The City of Wheaton 2019 Water Quality Report is now available online. Please go to <http://www.wheaton.il.us/2019WaterReport> to view your 2019 annual water quality report and

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City Hall and Wheaton Police Department Open to the Public

Face Covering Required for All Visitors

City Hall and the Wheaton Police Department lobby are now open to the public with several changes in place for the safety of the community and City staff.

In following the Illinois Department of Health guidance for reopening public spaces during the COVID-19 pandemic, face coverings will be required for all visitors to City Hall and the Police Department. Please be sure to put on a face covering before entering either facility.

The City has also made several changes in place to ensure that visitors and staff can maintain at least 6 feet of distance from each other. To achieve this distancing, there is a one-way traffic pattern through City Hall. All



Visitors must enter from the north entrance and practice safe social distancing while in City Hall.

visitors must enter from the north entrance of City Hall, which is the parking lot side of the building. This is an ADA accessible entrance.

Some other changes you will see in place include glass partitions at the public-facing department counters to protect citizens and staff, and city staff will

be frequently cleaning shared surfaces throughout the day, too.

In addition to these changes, the Finance and Building Departments will be adopting uniform hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For the sake of other visitors to City Hall and

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CONTACT THE CITY

Police/Fire: 911

After-Hours Water/Sewer Emergency: 630-260-2161

General Information: 630-260-2000

City Hall Hours: 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday

Feedback: Please mail your comments to: Communications Department, 303 W. Wesley St., Wheaton, IL 60187 Or email communications@wheaton.il.us

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learn more about your drinking water.

This report contains important information about the source and quality of your drinking water. If you would like a paper copy of the 2019 Water Quality Report, please call 630-260-2090.



Lawn Watering Restrictions

Lawn watering restrictions are in place from May 15 through September 15.

- If your address ends in an even number, you can only water your lawn on even-numbered days of the calendar, but not between noon and 6 p.m.

- If your address ends in an odd number, you can only water your lawn on odd-numbered days on the calendar, but not between noon and 6 p.m.

If you are planting grass seed or laying sod, please contact the City's Water Division at 630-260-2090 to receive a 10-day variance from these requirements.

Reopening

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our staff, we ask that you please stay home if you or a member of your family are currently ill. If you are visiting the Police Department and are ill or have been in contact with someone

who is ill, please use the call box near the door and notify our staff of this circumstance. A staff member will meet you outside to assist you.

Finally, we will continue to deliver many services in a way that will not require you to make a trip to City Hall. You can [make utility bill payments](#).

[pay parking tickets and submit general City bill payments](#) and much more on the City's website at www.wheaton.il.us/billpay. Or, use the drive-through drop box just west of City Hall (the entrance is off of Wesley Street) for submitting City bills (no other U.S. mail, please).

Illinois Regions Enter Phase 4 of State Reopening Plan

Indoor Dining Now Permitted for Parties Up to 10



Common public health standards remain in place during Phase 4 of the Restore Illinois Plan.

The State of Illinois has provided guidelines for many types of industries and activities as Illinois moves into [Phase 4 of the Restore Illinois plan](#).

During Phase 4, common public health standards remain in effect – including the use of face coverings and social distancing. However, Phase 4 allows for the safe reopening or expansion of several key business segments – such as health and fitness,

movies and theater, museums and zoos, as well as limited indoor dining at restaurants. Phase 4 also allows for expanded gathering sizes, increasing the limit from 10 in Phase 3 to 50 people or fewer. This expanded gathering limit extends to key activities like meetings, events, and funerals. For full guidance and other resources visit: www.Illinois.gov/businessguidelines.

The following guidelines set by the State of Illinois are in

place:

All Industries

- All employees who can work from home should continue to do so
- Continue to wear face covering that covers nose and mouth, maintain social distance of 6 ft., and frequently wash hands

- Continue employee health screenings upon entry into the workplace and mid-shift screenings for employees with shifts >5 hours (virtual screening permitted)

- Follow guidelines on capacity limits and group sizes (to be continually reassessed throughout Phase 4)

Restaurants & Bars

- Indoor dining and drinking now permitted for parties of up to 10
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Phase 4

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people

- Seated areas should be arranged so that tables allow for 6 ft. between parties; impermeable barriers may be installed between booths that are less than 6 ft. apart
- Standing areas (in restaurants or bars) should be limited to no more than 25% of standing area capacity
- Buffets and self-service food stations (e.g. hot and cold bars, bulk items, baked goods) should adhere to additional minimum guidelines
- Self-service beverage fountains are permissible with the additional precautions



Retail & Service Counter

- Continue capacity limit of no more than 50% occupancy
- Mall food courts may reopen in line with Indoor Dining and Drinking guidelines

Personal Care

- Continue capacity limit

of no more than 50% occupancy

- If services require customer to remove his or her mask, employee must wear both a face mask and eye protection (e.g., face shield, protective glasses)
- No time restrictions on massage or other services

Offices

- Continue capacity limit of no more than 50% occupancy
- In-person meetings of up to 50 people with social distancing permitted
- Continue health screenings, though employers may screen office employees via in-person conversation or questionnaire once at their workstation, or using virtual method

Meetings & Social Events

- Limit to the lesser of 50 people or 50% of room capacity
- Multiple groups may meet in the same facility if they are socially distanced and in separate rooms
- Groups should be static for duration of meeting or event. If event includes multiple sessions, participants should remain in one room, and speakers/ presenters should rotate between rooms or be digitally

displayed (e.g. projected, livestreamed) in multiple rooms

- Dance floors should remain closed
- Food service should follow Restaurant and Bar guidelines



Health & Fitness

- Capacity limit of no more than 50% occupancy
- Group fitness classes of up to 50 people with at least 6 ft. social distancing between individuals permitted; multiple groups permitted given facilities have space to appropriately social distance and can limit interaction between groups
- Workout stations and equipment should be 6 ft. apart without barriers or 3 ft. apart with impermeable barriers in between
- For open gym spaces, have 1 employee per every 4,000 sq. ft. to monitor social distancing and sanitize equipment between use
- Sanitize equipment before/after each

individual use and sanitize locker rooms and showers at least every hour

- Keep ancillary accommodations (e.g., saunas, hot tubs, steam rooms) closed, though childcare areas are permitted to reopen in line with DHFS childcare guidelines

- Members should wear face covering over their nose and mouth whenever not exercising

Indoor/Outdoor Recreation

- Reopening select indoor recreation facilities (e.g., bowling alleys, skating rinks); indoor playgrounds and trampoline parks should remain closed
- Indoor recreation to operate at lesser of 50 customers or 50% of facility capacity
- Outdoor recreation allowing group sizes of up to 50, and permitting multiple groups given facilities have space to appropriately social distance and can limit interaction between groups
- Activity stations should be spaced at least 6 ft. apart or limited in number to ensure social distancing
- Shared equipment should be disinfected before and after each use

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Monthly Electronic Recycling Drop-off Events Resume

The City of Wheaton in association with e-Works resumed monthly electronic recycling drop-off events with new safeguards in place to protect volunteers, staff and residents dropping off items. The monthly events take place from 9 a.m. to noon on the second Saturday of each month at the Public Works Storage Yard, 820 W. Liberty (near the Wheaton Police Department).

Accepted items include electronics, scrap metals, textiles, fluorescent tube bulbs and cooking oil. All staff will be wearing a mask or face covering and gloves and participants are asked to stay in their vehicle after entering the event. Items must be in the participant's trunk, and volunteers will remove items for participants. Prepayment for TVs and monitors is also encouraged, and no change will be given on-site. Please visit the City's website to [view the current monthly electronic recycling drop-off event guidelines](#).

Phase 4

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- Clubhouses and other communal gathering places allowed to reopen
- Concessions permitted with restrictions

Youth & Recreation Sports

- Competitive gameplay and tournaments permitted
- Capacity limit of no more than 50% facility capacity, 20% seating capacity for spectators
- Group sizes limited to 50 participants total (including athletes, coaches, and referees); with multiple groups permitted during practice and competitive games given venues have space to appropriately social distance and can limit interaction between group
- Concessions permitted with restrictions

Day Camps

- Capacity limit of no more than 50% of facility occupancy

- Group sizes of 15 participants, unless participants changing weekly

- Water-based activities permitted according to IDPH guidelines

- Continue to encourage outdoor activities as much as possible, especially for activities requiring physical exertion and/or exertion of voice

Theaters & Performing Arts

- Seated theaters, cinemas, and performing arts centers for ticketed events with seating available for all customers permitted; general admission shows and/or events with standing room only are not permitted at this time
- Indoor capacity limit of 50 people or less or 50% of space capacity, must follow lesser of two (applies to each screening room); outdoor capacity limited to 20% of overall space capacity
- Patrons should wear face coverings over their

nose and mouth, except while seated within a venue (exceptions can be made for people with medical conditions or disabilities that prevent them from safely wearing a face covering)

- Concessions permitted with restrictions

Outdoor Seated Spectator Events

- Outdoor spectator events only; indoor spectator events not permitted at this time
- Ticketed events with seating available for all customers permitted; general admission shows and/or events with standing room only are not permitted at this time
- Maximum of 20% of seating capacity for spectators
- Concessions permitted with restrictions

If you have questions or need additional support, call 1-800-252-2923, e-mail ceo.support@illinois.gov or go to www.illinois.gov/businessguidelines.

An Open Letter to the Community from Police Chief Murphy

Recent events throughout the country and in this area have generated many questions and sparked a national debate about policing and racism.

To address

inquiries the City has received, to help inform the community of the Wheaton Police Department's practices, and to further the discussion on policing as it occurs in Wheaton, Chief of Police Bill

Murphy provided this [letter to the community](#).

In addition, the City has received multiple requests for the [Wheaton Police Department's Use of Force Policy](#), which is available on the City's website.

DuPage County Opens COVID-19 Testing Site in Wheaton

Tests Are Given on a First-Come, First Served Basis

DuPage County opened a new drive-through COVID-19 testing site at the DuPage County Government Campus in Wheaton offering free testing for all DuPage County residents.

No appointment, doctor referral or insurance is needed to receive a test. Testing is available to anyone, including those with symptoms of COVID-19; anyone with a known exposure to COVID-19 (those who have been in contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19); or asymptomatic, high-risk patients, first responders, health care workers, or essential workers who wish to be tested.

Testing is offered from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays, or until 400 tests are completed each day. Tests are given on a first-



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come, first-served basis, and staff on site will provide notification once the daily limit is reached.

To ensure the safety of testing personnel, the test will be done while you are sitting in your vehicle. You must be sitting at a functioning window and cannot exit your vehicle while at the test site.

No motorcycles will be allowed to enter. Once a test is taken, results are expected in approximately 2-3 days.

The location for testing will be at the DuPage County Campus, off County Farm Road between Jewell Road and Manchester Road. Enter through the main

entrance on County Farm Road, and signs will direct traffic to the testing site within the DuPage County Fairgrounds. The entrance/exit on Manchester Road will be closed to traffic.

This testing site in Wheaton is the result of a collaboration including DuPage County, the DuPage County Health Department, Illinois Department of Health, Illinois Emergency Management Agency and local partners, such as the Wheaton Police and Fire departments. The site is staffed by a combination of medical professionals, staff from local agencies and volunteers.

For more information, visit the DuPage County Health Department's website at www.dupagehealth.org, or watch this [video about the new testing site](#).

Wheaton Municipal Band Shares Virtual Concerts

It wouldn't be summer without the Wheaton Municipal Band. The Wheaton Municipal Band will be hosting a series of web [concerts available on the band's Facebook](#)

[page](#).

Concerts will be available on Thursdays through August 6, featuring introductory interviews with individuals involved with the band,

followed by recordings of past concerts with the band's favorite selections. The band will add a virtual concert from the past Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.

For further instructions on how to view all the virtual concerts, visit the Wheaton Municipal Band's website at www.wheatonmunicipalband.com.

City Council Plans to Resume In-Person Meetings

Participants Can Still Attend Meetings via Zoom

Starting with its July 6 meeting, the Wheaton City Council will resume in-person meetings at City Hall in addition to streaming meetings on Zoom. The Council previously had been meeting online using the Zoom web meeting platform.

The City will use plexiglass dividers between Council members on the dais, and additional seating will be spaced at least 6 feet apart for any members of the public who wish to attend these meetings. To follow Phase 4 guidelines issued by Governor Pritzker, the City will allow a maximum of 50 people in the Council Chambers at one time.

If more than 50 people attend a meeting, the City will have overflow seating in the Gamon Room of City Hall with a monitor displaying the meeting's proceedings live for attendees. Seating will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis.

Residents who would like to provide public comments but do not feel comfortable attending the meeting in person can submit comments to the Wheaton City Clerk by 5 p.m. the day of a meeting. Comments can be submitted by sending an email to sbarrett-hagen@wheaton.il.us or leaving a voicemail at 630-260-2012. Comments will be read to the Council during the meeting. Or, attend the meeting via Zoom.

COVID-19: Information & Resources

The City of Wheaton will continue to provide COVID-19 updates, information on services, and resources that are specific to impacts on our community. Please visit the City's website at www.wheaton.il.us/COVID-19

Available Resources

- Community Updates
- City & Community Service Updates
- Community Resources
- Business Resources
- Senior & Caregives Resources

U.S. Census: Help Wheaton Reach 100%

The U.S. Census response rate for the State of Illinois is currently at 66.6%, with the City of Wheaton's current Census response rate being at 80.5% as of July 1. Let's continue to make Wheaton count and keep pushing for 100%!

You can [complete the](#)

[U.S. Census online](#), or all households should have received at least one letter from the U.S. Census bureau providing ways to complete the census by mail, or by phone. In addition, the City's website has [information on the U.S. Census](#).

Wheaton Public Library to Reopen to Public

Wheaton Public Library (WPL) plans to reopen to the public with reduced services and hours on July 13. [WPL's Grab & Go service](#) will include browsing, material check out, and public computer use only. Curbside Pickup service will continue and book returns will remain open.

Only WPL cardholders will be able to check out library materials. Patrons will be counted as they enter the building as capacity is limited, and will be asked to wait once capacity is reached. Public computers will be spaced out 6 feet and usage will be limited to 30 minutes per patron. The Early Childhood Area will be closed and staff will retrieve materials as needed.

Face coverings will be required for all library staff and patrons over the



age of 2. Patrons will be asked to limit their time in the library to 30 minutes and any staff interaction to under 10 minutes. Six feet of distance must be maintained. WPL also asks that patrons stay home if they or a member of their family is currently ill.

WPL Grab & Go and Curbside Pickup service hours will be offered Monday through Thursday 11 a.m. – 7 p.m., Friday 11 a.m. – 5 p.m., and Saturday 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.. WPL's Virtual Library programs and services will continue. For more information, visit wheatonlibrary.org.

IEMA Reminds Residents When Thunder Roars, Go Indoors

Be Prepared for Severe Weather During the Summer

The Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) and local offices of emergency management are encouraging residents to stay aware of local forecasts and be prepared for severe weather during the summer. The forecast serves as a good reminder: when thunder roars, go indoors.

Know the Terms

Familiarize yourself with important weather terms to stay alert and know when to take action to protect yourself and others.

• Severe Thunderstorm Watch

Conditions are favorable for the development of severe thunderstorms containing large hail and damaging winds.

• Severe Thunderstorm Warning

Large hail and/or damaging wind has been

reported by spotters or is about to develop. Take action: go to a substantial shelter immediately.

• Tornado Watch

Conditions are favorable for the development of tornadoes.

• Tornado Warning

A tornado has been reported by spotters, or National Weather Service meteorologists have determined that one is about to form in the next several minutes. Take action: go to a substantial shelter immediately.

Identify a Safe Place

Before a storm strikes, it is important to be aware of your surroundings and identify a safe place to ride out a storm. Preferably, somewhere indoors, and away from windows. If you can hear thunder, you are close enough to a storm to be struck by lightning. If you are outdoors, seek shelter immediately.

Stay Informed

This forecast is a good reminder that people should always have multiple ways to receive notifications and updated information about severe weather warnings, such as through a NOAA weather alert radio, Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA), weather alert apps, TV and radio broadcasts, the Internet, outdoor warning sirens and more.

IEMA offers severe weather preparedness information for Illinois residents on the [Ready Illinois website](#), a one-stop resource for detailed information about what to do before, during and after disasters happen.

To help Illinois residents prepare for severe weather season, IEMA and the NWS developed a [Severe Weather Preparedness Guide](#) that covers flooding, severe weather terms and tips for staying safe.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wheaton French Market
Parking Lot at Main & Liberty
Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.*
**8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. is reserved for seniors and those with underlying health conditions.

Please [see safety protocols](#) on the City's website.

Electronic Recycling Monthly Drop-Off
820 W. Liberty Drive
Saturday, July 11 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Independence Day Fireworks & Parade
Cancelled

Wheaton Public Library Virtual Events

Register for virtual events at wheatonlibrary.org/calendar.

Virtual Medicare 101
Tuesday, July 7 at 7:00 p.m.

Chicago in the Movies
Tuesday, July 21 at 7:00 p.m.

Typhoid Mary
Tuesday, July 28 at 7:00 p.m.



CITY CALENDAR

City Council Meetings and Planning Sessions are held in the Council Chambers at Wheaton City Hall, 303 W. Wesley St. Visit www.wheaton.il.us for a complete list of meetings and events.

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- 6 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 13 City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.
- 20 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 27 City Council Planning Session, 7 p.m.