

Press Release

To: News Outlets
CC: City Officials
From: Jeff Kooistra, City Administrator
Date: 5/21/2020
Re: COVID -19 City Update



The City continues to look into the best practices dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic. There are a few new items that we would like to report.

- It was determined, based on the State of Nebraska's requirements that the city swimming pool will not open this summer. The State is limiting the number of people who can be in the pool, when the pool can open for the season, and requiring social distancing at all times. This is difficult to maintain in our bathhouse and on the deck of the pool due to limited space. We are also not able to employ enough lifeguards since the State has closed all Lifeguard Certification classes because of COVID-19.
- The City has agreed to open our baseball and softball fields as per the Governor's Directed Health Measures combined with City of Gretna policies. We are working with the Gretna Youth Softball and Baseball Association to meet those requirements so practices can start June 1st and games can start June 18th.
- All park restrooms will continue to be closed.
- Playground Equipment will remain open for use with periodic sanitizing. The City will continue to post warnings concerning the use of the equipment and COVID-19.
- City Hall and the Public Works Facility will be open by appointment only, starting June 1st. Call 402-332-3336 and the appropriate extension to schedule your appointment prior to arrival. All non-employees will need to sign in and answer health questionnaire.
- Building Inspections will expand to remodeling projects when the County Electrical Inspector is authorized to inspect remodeling projects.

As the pandemic situation and directives from the State of Nebraska keep changing, the City's policies and procedures will change to meet those requirements. We want to thank our citizens for their patience and understanding during this difficult time.