

# VILLAGE OF YORKVILLE

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## PRESS RELEASE

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The Village of Yorkville is continuing to monitor the status of the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) outbreak. On March 12, 2020, Governor Tony Evers declared a public health emergency for the State of Wisconsin due to COVID-19. With guidance from local health officials, the Village is taking enhanced measures to protect the safety of community members and employees by increasing social distancing, while maintaining important services for residents.

**UNION GROVE MUNICIPAL CENTER:** For the safety of our community and staff, the municipal center is now temporarily closed to walk-ins, but the office will continue to be operational. Community members are asked to conduct transactions using the drop box located outside the entrance to Village Hall 24/7 or by telephone (262) 878-2123 during normal business hours.

**ABSENTEE VOTING:** Village staff continues to monitor updates from the Wisconsin Elections Commission on best practices for the upcoming spring election on April 7. If the State of Wisconsin does not amend the requirement to provide in-person absentee voting, the municipal center will be open for that purpose only on Monday, March 23 through Friday, April 3. However, electors are strongly encouraged to submit an absentee ballot by mail, which can be requested online at <http://myvote.wi.gov> by April 2 or by submitting an absentee ballot application by mail or drop-box. For more information on the election, visit <https://villageofyorkville.com/>.

**VILLAGE GOVERNMENT MEETINGS:** The March 17 Sewer and Water Commission meeting will be held as scheduled on the first floor of the Union Grove Municipal Center. The March 21 Roads/Public Works Committee road tour will also proceed as scheduled. Otherwise, all non-essential Village meetings will be postponed/cancelled for the time being. The Village Board meeting scheduled for March 23 has been tentatively rescheduled to March 30 and the next regularly scheduled Village Board and Planning Commission meeting is set for April 13. We are also investigating alternative arrangements for the 2050 Comprehensive Plan open house scheduled for March 31. The Village may be able to make arrangements for telephone conferencing or meetings electronically with public listening/access for Village Meetings during

this time of emergency. The Village will post notices indicating if this will occur and how public access will be allowed.

**YORKVILLE/DOVER MUNICIPAL COURT CANCELLATION:** The Municipal Court Judge, Heather Niski, has cancelled the April 2 court date. Hearings will need to be rescheduled. Call Donna at 262-497-8860 or email [donnaapprochacka@gmail.com](mailto:donnaapprochacka@gmail.com) with questions or concerns.

**PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES:** All public works and utilities staff are continuing to provide services while taking enhanced measures to limit interactions with the public for the safety of our employees and staff. Public works and utilities facilities are closed to visitors at this time.

**WASTE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION SITE:** At this time, the Village's waste and recycling collection site will continue to be open as scheduled. We encourage you to keep your distance from others using the site to avoid unnecessary contact.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:** Public safety services continue without interruption through the Racine County Sheriff's Department and Union Grove-Yorkville Fire Department. For emergencies, dial 9-1-1. The non-emergency number for the Sheriff's Department is 262-886-2300 and the fire department's office can be reached at 262-878-4181. Please note the fire department has cancelled public classes and the facilities are closed to non-essential personnel at this time.

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE:** The Greater Union Grove Area Chamber of Commerce is continuing to provide resources and information to area businesses. The Chamber administrator Lynda Studey can be reached at 262-878-4606 or [info@uniongrovechamber.org](mailto:info@uniongrovechamber.org).

**RECREATION PROGRAMS:** Dodgeball leagues will be postponed with the plan to start up April 20. Registration will be extended until April 10. Submit registration forms using the dropbox at Village Hall. Registration for coach pitch and t-ball leagues is currently open.

**SCHOOL DISTRICT INFORMATION:** For news about Yorkville Elementary School, visit their Facebook page or website at <https://www.yorkville.k12.wi.us/>. For news about Union Grove Elementary School, visit their Facebook page or website at <https://www.uges.k12.wi.us>. For news about Union Grove Union High School, visit their Facebook page or website at <https://www.ug.k12.wi.us/>.

**GENERAL HEALTH INFO:** Prevent the spread - wash your hands regularly for at least 20 seconds with soap and water, cover your coughs and sneezes, and stay home when you are ill. Central Racine County Health Department has issued recommendations for individuals, families, and businesses to consider regarding COVID-19. That information is available here: <https://crchd.com/covid-19>. You can also follow the latest information from the Center for Disease Control at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/>.

**CYBERSECURITY:** There have been recent reports on an increase in activity from cybercriminals involving the COVID-19 outbreak (including phishing scams that are designed to look like they are from legitimate organizations like the Center for Disease Control). Please be extra vigilant to monitor emails and never click on links or open attachments when you are unable to verify the sender or contents. For more information on COVID-19 phishing scams, [click here](#).

**SUPPLIES/SERVICES:**

- Union Grove Piggly Wiggly is providing inventory updates on its Facebook page, which can be seen at <https://www.facebook.com/UnionGrovePigglyWiggly/>.
- Union Grove Area Foodbank continues to provide food in emergency situations, on a referral basis, per our established guidelines found at <https://www.ugfoodbank.org/referrals>. Anyone in need AND all volunteers should contact their coordinator at 262-853-4144 for further information and instructions.
- Ascension All Saints Clinic in Union Grove can be reached at 262-878-4424.
- Aurora Pharmacy in Union Grove can be reached at 262-878-1171.

**FACT SHEETS:**

- [What you need to know about COVID-19](#)
- [What to do if you are sick with COVID-19](#)
- [Stop the spread of germs flyer](#)

Please check back for updates as this is a very fluid situation and this information is subject to change. Thank you to all of our first responders and municipal staff, including police, fire/EMS, public works, utilities and municipal office employees, for continuing to maintain safety and order in our community during these challenging circumstances. We wish health and safety for all our community members.

Any questions can be directed to Administrator/Clerk Michael McKinney at 262-878-2123 or [michael@villageofyorkville.com](mailto:michael@villageofyorkville.com).