Effective immediately, the City of Howard Lake will be transitioning to essential services only amid Covid19. We will be taking steps to reduce direct person-to-person interaction with employees and the general public while maintaining essential city services.

What does this mean?

The City will be closing and/or limiting all public access to city facilities beginning Monday, March 16, until further notice. The City will continue to perform essential services as defined below and employees will be available by telephone and email during the facilities closure.

**Fire, Ambulance, Emergency Response**
- If you have an emergency, dial 911.
- Wright County Dispatch (763)682-1162.

The HLPD and HLFD is fully staffed and is responding to calls as normal. However, as a general precaution, emergency response personnel will be limiting person-to-person interaction and will be responding to in-house calls with a limited number of personnel.

**Utilities**
Utility connections/disconnections may be scheduled. Payments are able to be made by phone (320)543-3670 and online through PSN at www.howard-lake.mn.us. For email inquiries, please direct messages to Shari Zander/Accountant at cityofhowardlake@howard-lake.mn.us. The City has a utility drop box for payments located behind City Hall and will be checked daily.

**Howard Lake Wine & Spirits**
Howard Lake Wine & Spirits will be reducing open hours from 11am – 6pm to assist with proper cleaning and sanitization of the facility and merchandise. Customers are able to order for delivery provided a $35 minimum order, payable by credit card over the phone. Deliveries will be made as feasible. Please contact Myra Laway at (320)543-2038.

**Building Permits**
The City has all general building and development applications on the city website www.howard-lake.mn.us. Residents are encouraged to call or email city hall for further information. (320)543-3670 or cityofhowardlake@howard-lake.mn.us.
Administration & Finance
The City will have general administration and finance personnel working general hours accessible by phone and email. Please direct inquiries to Nick Haggenmiller (320)543-3670 and cityadmin@howard-lake.mn.us.

Public Works
The public works department will provide essential city services including delivery of water/sanitary sewer/snow removal and general maintenance. Functions deemed non-essential or that present additional person-to-person contact may be limited or prohibited until further notice. Please direct inquiries to Meagan Donahue (320)543-3670 or MDonahue@howard-lake.mn.us

City Council Meeting
The City Council has a regularly scheduled meeting slated for March 17, 2020. This meeting will occur. Residents are encouraged to watch live on PACT10 and the City of Howard Lake YouTube channel.

Senior Citizens Program
The Howard Lake Senior Citizen program which is postponed until further notice.

Howard Lake Library
The Howard Lake Library is closed until March 31st or until further notice.

It is our hope to provide a continuum of services in a reliable and safe manner for our residents and city employees alike. As always, in the home of the Good Neighbor, please help those that cannot help themselves.

General City of Howard Lake Precautions
Employees of the City are encouraged to stay home if exhibiting cold/flu symptoms or that have traveled outside of the country for a minimum of 14 days. Employees will be encouraged to practice social distancing techniques as recommended by the CDC.

For the City,

Nick Haggenmiller
City Administrator