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(March 13, 2020, Red Wing, Minn.) – The City of Red Wing utilizes a three-phase pandemic plan that outlines how we will manage city operations during an emergency. Today we are in Phase One: Preparation, which is maintaining our current level of customer service to our citizens. City officials are meeting to discuss community mitigation plans with department heads. Our City Council and Mayor are meeting with City Administration to ensure each department of the city has what they need to continue operations. We are in regular communications with our partner agencies, Mayo Clinic Health Systems, Red Wing School District, and Goodhue County Health and Human Services. At this stage, we are reviewing our public meeting calendar and will inform you of any cancellations.

Phase Two of our Pandemic Plan is Intermediate to Full Response. The Mayor, City Council, and Administration would now have reason to believe the pandemic is spreading in the United States. At this stage, we would notify our community partners of potential cutbacks in service levels, and work with each department director to ensure critical functions continue. The Public Library and Sheldon Theatre are working through this phase of the pandemic today. The Sheldon Theatre canceled upcoming shows, and the Public Library canceled many of its programs.

When making decisions during this phase, City officials will rely on information provided from Goodhue County Health & Human Services, Mayo Health Systems, Centers for Disease Control, the Minnesota Department of Health, the Department of Homeland Security, and the League of Minnesota Cities.

Phase Three of our Pandemic Plan is a Full Response. The Mayor, City Council and Administration would now have reason to believe that a widespread pandemic is imminent in the Midwest and Minnesota. At this stage they will consider cutting back on all non-critical services, cancelling all City-sponsored training and conference, and implementing necessary back-up staffing plans. Implementation of Phase Three will depend significantly on the severity of the outbreak and its impact on public health.

The Mayor, City Council, Public Safety, Public Works, and Administration are all working in coordination to prepare for all possibilities.

For the most up-to-date information on Coronavirus (COVID-19) and it's impact in our region, [visit the Minnesota Department of Health \(MDH\) website](#). You can opt-in for updates directly from them, and get the most current press releases.

COVID-19 Hotline: Questions about COVID-19? Call the MDH COVID-19 Hotline at 651-201-3920.

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