

From Eamon McMahon, Worth Township Supervisor  
To Residents of Worth Township  
RE Worth Township Response to COVID 19 Outbreak  
March 18, 2020

Greetings

In response to the COVID 19 outbreak, the Administration of Worth Township has taken common sense steps to minimize the risk to the public and to our employees. We have, with great regret, cancelled the Senior and Youth programs, all athletics, and CEDA programs until further notice. The Assessor's Office, the Clerk's Office and the Supervisors Office have staff in the building but offer services by phone and email only. The public will not be allowed in the building as of March 19, 2020. We will continue to offer General Assistance to the extent that we can under the same new guidelines. Employee exposure to the public will be minimized and eliminated. The Food Pantry will operate on a drive up basis and we have implemented new rules to guide the process and keep everyone involved as safe as we possibly can. Transportation services will continue as long as possible. We will constantly monitor this policy and adjust it as necessary until March 31, 2020. At that time we will either extend the policy or add new components to it. Considering the changes we have all experienced these last few weeks, we can expect only more changes as the situation develops. Delivering these services will require patience, respect and mutual cooperation now more than ever. As social distancing measures take effect in our community, let us remember that we must look out for each other and take care of each other more diligently than we ever have. If we do so, we can get through this phase of our lives socially stronger and more united in our common interest than ever before.

This disease will treat us all alike. It will not differentiate between the color of our skin or the color of our political party. As threatening as these times may seem, we are now offered an opportunity to set aside what may divide us and pull together to defeat this common threat. I believe that most people are ready to stand up to this challenge, to be good neighbors, to think for the common good.

To do this, it is important to follow the advice of the Center for Disease Control [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov). The State of Illinois Department of Public Health [www.IDPH.illinois.gov](http://www.IDPH.illinois.gov) is another good resource for coping with this threat and staying updated on measures that we can take to keep ourselves and our families safe. We at the Township are committed to doing all that we can to help all of our residents stay safe and healthy during this difficult time. It is critical to take what may seem like extreme preventive measures to “Flatten the Curve”. This is an expression that describes the threat of our health care system being overwhelmed by a pandemic that largely may have been prevented. By working together and focusing our efforts on doing what is best for the common good, by being responsible for our own actions and considerate of our neighbors, the people of Worth Township will emerge from this crisis and continue to make this community the best place to live and raise a family.

On behalf of the Administration and staff of Worth Township, I wish only health and prosperity for all of us. Your diligence and consideration is vital to our shared outcome.

Sincerely,

Eamon McMahon, Worth Township Supervisor