



City of Medina
132 North Elmwood Avenue
Medina Ohio 44256

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For Immediate Release

COVID-19 Press Release March 23, 2020

Medina, Ohio- Due to the recent Stay at Home order issued by the Ohio State Health Department, Medina City Hall will be closed effective immediately. Appointments to meet with staff will be required. Any items that may be submitted electronically or mailed are preferred. A box or bin will be provided in the vestibules at both entrances to leave written correspondence for any city department. It will be distributed regularly. Payment for City water bills, Armstrong bills, and Medina County Sanitation bills can be deposited in the utility drops in the Medina Municipal Court lot.

If emergency and access are needed without an appointment, numbers will be posted at inner city hall doors to call office and ask for immediate help. Essential services to constituents, such as police and fire protection or water main breaks, will be maintained, but some services such as fence permits, pool permits, etc. will be deferred. These efforts are being taken to limit exposure of public to staff and vice versa.

City Council will have both the Finance Committee meeting and the Council meeting in the Rotunda to permit recommended spatial distances for Council, the Administration and the public. Remote access to the meetings rather than physical attendance, for the public may be accomplished by following the below process:

Steps to watch City Council Meetings from home:

1. Go to Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/MedinaTV>.
2. The meeting will not appear until we go live so if you log in early please be patient
3. Then watch the meeting
4. If you are logged into Facebook you can then ask a question in the comment section
5. You may also email questions or comments to jfry@medinabees.org
6. Questions or comments on agenda items may also be emailed ahead of time to Kathy Patton, kpatton@medinaoh.org by 4:30 pm day of meeting
7. If you do not have a Facebook or email account you can only watch the meeting
8. The meetings will also be televised live on MedinaTV Channel 37
9. Replays will then be available on the City's YouTube page <https://www.youtube.com/cityofmedina>
10. Replays are also available on Channel 37 of Armstrong Cable
11. Facebook will also offer on demand replays once the live feed has finished broadcasting

Coronavirus (COVID-19) pages have been created at the city website: www.medinaoh.org and will be update daily:

Page 1 provides links to Trusted Important Information and Resources including, but not limited to:

- Medina County Health Department
- State of Ohio Health Department
- Cleveland Clinic Medina Hospital
- State call center for infectious diseases
- Governor's daily press conferences
- Information for businesses and unemployed workers
- Utility information

Page 2 provides Local Updates and Information for Resident

- General city information and alerts
- Page will have link to city newsletter

The City of Medina wants to thank the residents and businesses for your cooperation, compliance with recommendations, and helping us keep our constituents safe. We will do our best to work through these challenges together. I also ask that you please continue to support our local businesses by purchasing carryout, home delivery, or curbside services. If you have elderly or infirm neighbors, please check in on them and check for any needs they may have for assistance.

These are extraordinary times in our city and country. Please join us in making every effort to keep our residents safe and stop the spread of the virus.

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