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### **City Response to COVID-19 Recommendations**

Today, in accordance with recommendations from the Jefferson County Health Department, the City of Festus will be closing all public facilities following the close of business Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020 until further notice. These facilities include; Festus Public Library and lobby spaces at Festus City Hall, Festus Police Department and Festus Public Works. This is being done in order to minimize social contact among the general public and city staff to ensure the continued delivery of service (Fire, Library, Parks, Police, Sewer, Streets, Trash, Water, etc.) to residents.

There are night deposit boxes at City Hall and Public Works, and a temporary drop box located next to the entrance to Public Works for Utility payments. The public is encouraged to call to contact the City with any concerns or questions at (636) 937-4694 (City Hall), (636) 937-2017 (Library), (636) 937-3646 (Police), and (636) 937-6646. You can also use the city's website at [www.cityoffestus.org](http://www.cityoffestus.org) and our social media platforms. City staff will continue to report to work as scheduled.

On March 13<sup>th</sup>, municipal water service disconnects were suspended until further notice. Any delinquent account will still accrue any late fees, charges and interest. It's important as a community that we take care of ourselves, each other and any that may be affected by this pandemic. As this pandemic continues to evolve we hope everyone stays healthy and safe.

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