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CITY OFFICIALS CONFERENCE CALL FOR COVID-19

The League staff will continue to offer our bi-weekly conference call for city officials for the foreseeable future. The call for city officials - elected officials, appointed officials, city attorneys, department heads, etc. It is a way to keep you informed of the latest information regarding COVID-19 and municipal operations.

The conference calls are held at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. If you are a city official, please contact the League staff for access to the conference call. Senator Pat Roberts is expected to be on the call on Tuesday, March 31.

The information on the conference call closely mirrors the information on our League COVID-19 resource page. Check out our [COVID-19 page](#) for guidance on personnel issues, meetings, and emergency situations.

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

The Legislative Coordinating Council (LCC) consisting of the President of the Senate, Senate Majority Leader, Senate Minority Leader, Speaker of the House, House Speaker Pro-tem, House Majority Leader, and the House Minority Leader, met twice this week to review several Executive Orders (EO) that the Governor has issued in response to COVID-19. The LCC allowed the following orders to remain in effect:

Executive Order [No. 20-08](#), temporarily expanding telemedicine and addressing certain licensing requirements to combat the effects of COVID-19.

Executive Order [No. 20-09](#), conditional and temporary relief from certain motor carrier rules and regulations in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Executive Order [No. 20-10](#), rescinding EO 20-06 and temporarily prohibiting certain foreclosures and evictions.

Executive Order [No. 20-11](#), temporarily requiring continuation of waste removal and recycling services.

Executive Order [No. 20-12](#), drivers' license and vehicle registration and regulation during public health emergency.

Executive Order [No. 20-13](#), allowing certain deferred tax deadlines and payments during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Executive Order [No. 20-14](#), temporarily prohibiting mass gatherings of 10 or more people to limit the spread of COVID-19 and rescinding Executive Order 20-04.

Executive Order [No. 20-15](#), establishing the Kansas Essential Function Framework for COVID-19 response efforts.

Executive Orders can be found on-line when issued.



COVID-19 RESOURCES FOR CITIES
WWW.LKM.ORG/COVID-19

The League is actively monitoring the Coronavirus (COVID-19) situation and is working with other agencies to provide our member cities with timely, accurate and important information as it becomes available. We [created this web page](#) as a resource for city officials. It is updated numerous times during the day with relevant city information.

See the [web page](#) for information on:

- The latest news for cities from state agencies and trusted sources;
- Personnel and federal legislation summaries;
- Local emergency declarations and county stay-at-home orders;
- Utility and municipal operational guidance;
- Public closure guidance;
- CDC and KDHE guidance on quarantine and social distancing/stopping the spread;
- Meeting guidance, technological options for meetings, and open meeting laws; and;
- Messaging examples to use in your cities/organizations.



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GOVERNING BODY INSTITUTE & KANSAS MAYORS CONFERENCE

The League has made the decision to postpone this year's Governing Body Institute & Kansas Mayors Conference scheduled for April 24-25 in Manhattan. We are currently working on alternate dates for later this summer and will keep you informed.



For those who have already chosen to register for the conference, we thank you. For now, we will keep everyone currently registered on the roster, and once we reschedule, you'll be able to decide on whether or not you keep your registration or cancel. We hope that we can count on each of you to participate in the rescheduled event.

The League will continue to monitor the outbreak and offer periodic phone conferences to keep everyone informed. If you have questions or comments, please contact League staff. Stay safe and healthy.

2020 GOVERNING BODY HANDBOOK NOW AVAILABLE TO ORDER

The latest edition of the League's *Governing Body Handbook* is now available to order. This publication is an essential local government guide and a valuable reference tool for municipal elected officials. The publication incorporates provisions explaining the major federal and state laws concerning municipal operations. It also includes a number of ideas and suggestions that we hope you will find useful in your public service. The publication can now be ordered on-line and will begin shipping in April. Every League member city will automatically receive two complimentary copies of the updated version but many cities order extra for staff and additional governing body members.

Order on-line at the League website.



To receive League News directly, sign up on-line at www.lkm.org/page/leagueneews

The Governing Body Handbook is now available for purchase.

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Mayors:

The League mailed out the Mayor of the Year ballots this week. Be on the look out in your mailbox and cast your vote!





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2020 CENSUS - HAVE YOU RESPONDED?

While many Kansans are working from home and social distancing, the 2020 Census is still collecting responses. Public health and safety are absolutely critical at this moment of uncertainty. That is the case for the public as well as Census organizations, staff, and volunteers. We must fulfill our Constitutional obligation to complete the 2020 Census and count every single person in the United States. Our country's future depends on it.

Fortunately, it has never been easier and more accessible to respond to the census on your own — online, over the phone, or by mail — all without having to meet someone in person.

Nationally, only 12% of households who receive their mail through a P.O. Box have received a letter/questionnaire from the U.S. Census Bureau. If anyone says they haven't received their census letter and they get their mail in a P.O. Box, please let them know census letters are NOT mailed to P.O. Boxes. Census letters must be tied directly to physical addresses; therefore, cannot be sent to P.O. Boxes. Instead, census personnel will drop off a letter at their house; however, this operation has been temporarily suspended for the next couple of weeks. As an option for anyone who has not received a census letter/questionnaire, a person can still go on-line or call to fill out their survey.

- Households can still respond on-line — Go to the [census website](#) and right underneath the place to enter a code is a [link that says](#) "If you do not have a Census ID, click here." Click on that link and enter their physical address then continue on with the survey.
- Households can also call (844) 330-2020 to provide their responses.

Right now, our priority is clear: Making sure that as many people as possible complete the census on-line, by phone, or by mail. It has never been easier to self-report.

And don't forget to join us on Twitter Census Day (April 1st) at Noon for a Twitter chat promoting completion of the 2020 Census. Follow us on Twitter at @KansasCounts!

For more information on the 2020 Census efforts in Kansas, contact the League's Census Outreach Manager, Wendi Stark [via e-mail](#). Visit the [KansasCounts website](#) for more information on the 2020 Census.

