In response to questions received regarding Governor Whitmer’s executive order 2020-21 (COVID-19)

This order is to reiterate the importance of controlling the rapid spread of the coronavirus and “flatten the curve” by requiring social distancing. The Objective is to STAY WITH YOUR IMMEDIATE FAMILY/HOUSEHOLD.

It is stating that non-essential businesses must close to allow their employees to stay at home to help contain the spread of the virus, promoting remote work. If you are not providing a critical service as outlined in the order, you should not go to work or require your employees to go to work. Please see the list with explanations of what essential and nonessential services are in the official order on our website. I hope everybody understands the intent of the order, will follow it, and not try to find ways around it.

Following the executive order, the City of Sylvan Lake has reduced its workforce. We will only be performing essential services. All other services are suspended until the order is lifted, like:
Permits – including zoning, building, ROW, garage sale, etc.
Non-critical code enforcement.
Community Center Rental applications and rentals.
Water meter installation/application.
Any other function that requires face-to-face, hands-on, or in-office paperwork.
Emails and Voicemails will be returned but may be delayed.
As always, in an emergency call 911
For the Police/DPW for a non-emergency, call 248-682-2104.

What Can I do?!

YOU MAY:

- Go to the grocery store or pick up take-out food.
- Go to the pharmacy to pick up a needed prescription.
- Engage in outdoor activities like walking, hiking, running, biking while maintaining the required social distancing guideline of six (6) feet.
- Go to the hospital or secure any care necessary to address a medical emergency or to preserve your health or the health of a loved one.
- Fill your car with gas.
- Return to Michigan to a home or place of residence from outside the State.
- Leave the State for a home or residence elsewhere.
- Walk your pets and take them to the veterinarian for needed medical care.
- Install your own boat dock, by yourself.
YOU MAY NOT:

- Leave home to go to work unless your employer designates you as a critical infrastructure worker, and the employer is a critical service provider.
- Participate in any public gatherings.
- Visit someone in the hospital, nursing home, or other residential care facilities (with limited exceptions).
- Go to the mall or to restaurants (Closed).
- Have work done in your home by a company, unless it is a critical repair.

BUSINESSES THAT ARE ALLOWED TO REMAIN OPEN FOR IN-PERSON WORK MUST TAKE AGGRESSIVE STEPS TO MINIMIZE THE VIRUS’S SPREAD. THEY MUST:

- Promote remote work to the fullest extent possible.
- Restrict the number of workers present in-person on the job.
- Keep employees at least six feet from one another to the maximum extent possible and enabling social distancing for customers who are standing in line.
- Any other social distancing practices and mitigation measures recommended by the Centers for Disease Control.

Information around this outbreak is changing rapidly. The latest information is available at Michigan.gov/Coronavirus and CDC.gov/Coronavirus.