



CITY *of* MARION

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF MARION, INDIANA

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Effective noon Thursday, November 19, 2020, City Hall offices will be closed to public access due to the significant increase in COVID-19 related cases. All departments will continue to perform City business as usual. However, any business with City departments shall be conducted by telephone, email, fax or Zoom meetings.

- Until further notice, the Building Department will continue to process and issue building permit requests in an effort to continue construction activity **by appointment only**. Anyone with an appointment will need to call 765-662-9931 upon arriving at City Hall. The employee you made the appointment with will come down and meet you at the front door and take your temperature. You **MUST** have a mask on to enter the building.
- The Transportation Department terminal will remain closed. Bus service from this location will not be available. Buses will continue to provide ADA service by appointment only for transportation to medical appointments, pharmacies and grocery stores. Appointments must be made 24 hours in advance. Call the Transportation Department at 765-668-4445 for an appointment.
- The Park system will remain open and accessible, including the Walkway of Lights. The public is encouraged to adhere to CDC and State and Local Board of Health guidelines and be cognizant of social distancing.

- The Gardens of Matter Park will remain open and accessible as well. Garden House activities already scheduled will be allowed to proceed as scheduled so long as the gathering size does not exceed State mandated maximums and all guests wear masks and practice social distancing. Any future venue renting has been suspended until further notice.
- All non-essential in-person court proceedings shall be postponed until Monday December 7th, 2020. The following court proceedings will continue as scheduled: All in-custody trials and hearings, all initial hearings and all other court proceedings deemed essential by the Judge of Marion City Court. All individuals who have been summoned to appear in Marion City Court between now and December 7th, 2020 shall immediately contact Marion City Court at 765-668-4423 to be advised as to whether their appearance in court is required or their court proceeding has been continued.

The City reminds everyone that Grant County remains under a State of Indiana "code orange watch" until further notice as a result of this pandemic and public health crisis. Travel should be limited to essential travel only, including to and from work, grocery stores, medical appointments, treatments or supplies and pharmaceuticals, emergencies and other essential services.

We will get through this if we heed the advice of health professionals and adhere to CDC and State and Local Health Department guidelines.