



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the City of Benton Harbor will be taking the necessary preventive measures ordered by the Governor Whitmer in Executive Order 2020-21. The goal is to keep everyone safe and reduce exposure risks.

**EFFECTIVE TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2020, ALL CITY OF BENTON HARBOR PUBLIC BUILDINGS WILL BE CLOSED TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC. THIS WILL BE IN EFFECT UNTIL APRIL 13, 2020.**

**ESSENTIAL OPERATIONS DEPARTMENTS**

The Public Safety Department and the Water Plant will operate normally with no interruption to services. However, the lobbies will be closed. Request for police reports can be made by email or by phone.

The Water Payment Center will still be available to process payments and service requests. Water bill payments can be done online at [www.bhcity.us](http://www.bhcity.us) or via the payment drop box in the front of City Hall. The drop box is secure and confidential. Payments should be placed in an envelope with your contact information. RFPs should be in an envelope addressed to the Clerk's Office.

Water shutoffs have been discontinued during this period. Water service turn-ons for occupied structures may be scheduled through the Payment Center. There will be no additional costs for turn-ons.

All other departments will be servicing emergency calls only.

To schedule an appointment, please call or send an email to the appropriate department; as listed below:

City Manager's Office	269-927-8457	<a href="mailto:rrice@cityofbentonharbormi.gov">rrice@cityofbentonharbormi.gov</a>
Assessor's Office	269-204-2739	<a href="mailto:astory@cityofbentonharbormi.gov">astory@cityofbentonharbormi.gov</a>
Code Compliance Dept.	269-927-8418	<a href="mailto:djones@cityofbentonharbormi.gov">djones@cityofbentonharbormi.gov</a>
Community & Economic Development	269-204-2776	<a href="mailto:tjennings@cityofbentonharbormi.gov">tjennings@cityofbentonharbormi.gov</a>
Clerk's Office	269-204-2450	<a href="mailto:kthompson@cityofbentonharbormi.gov">kthompson@cityofbentonharbormi.gov</a>
Human Resources Dept.	269-204-2468	<a href="mailto:lgolliday@cityofbentonharbormi.gov">lgolliday@cityofbentonharbormi.gov</a>
Public Safety Department	269-927-8423	<a href="mailto:losler@cityofbentonharbormi.gov">losler@cityofbentonharbormi.gov</a>
Public Works	269-927-8475	<a href="mailto:dmeeks@cityofbentonharbormi.gov">dmeeks@cityofbentonharbormi.gov</a>
Water Payment Center	269-351-2729	<a href="mailto:kjenkins@cityofbentonharbormi.gov">kjenkins@cityofbentonharbormi.gov</a>
Water Plant	269-447-1945	<a href="mailto:momalley@cityofbentonharbormi.gov">momalley@cityofbentonharbormi.gov</a>

For any questions regarding this release, please contact the City Manager's Office.