



CITY OF HOPKINSVILLE
KENTUCKY

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City Offices Close to the Public To Help Curb Rising COVID Cases

Hopkinsville, KY (November 19, 2020) – Beginning Monday, November 23, the City of Hopkinsville will restrict access to its facilities and close all city buildings to the general public until further notice in efforts to help curb the spread of coronavirus. The move is in keeping with the latest direction from state officials and in response to alarming surges in positive cases locally and across the state.

Specifically, the city is reducing staff reporting to the Public Works Department and City Hall (City Administrative Office, City Clerk, Finance, Human Resources, Information Technology, and Mayor's Office) – while maintaining essential services to residents of Hopkinsville and minimizing inconvenience to the extent possible.

City Hall and Public Works staff will continue to assist those with city business by telephone, online, and by email. Appointments may be scheduled as needed. The Tax Office drive-thru window, located at 715 South Virginia Street, will continue to be accessible during regular business hours for open records requests, supply deliveries, inquiries, and city job application submissions.

At this time, public safety operations of Hopkinsville Fire Department, Christian County Ambulance Service, Hopkinsville Police Department, and ECC/911-Dispatch will continue uninterrupted.

City officials will continue to monitor developments to assess and re-evaluate restrictions going forward. In the meantime, the public is encouraged to diligently practice social distancing, avoid gatherings with those outside your household, wash hands often and for at least twenty seconds, and always wear a facial covering in public.

For additional information or inquiries about the city's response to COVID-19, please call Healthy-at-Work Coordinator Kenneth Grabara at (270) 890-0264 or Hoptown Hotline at (270) 887-4000. You may also visit [hoptown.org](https://www.hoptown.org) or @CityofHopkinsville on Facebook or Twitter. COVID-specific information is available at [hoptown.org/covid](https://www.hoptown.org/covid).

City Council

City Council and Committee of the Whole meetings will remain virtual through December and be streamed live online for free at [hoptown.org/tv](https://www.hoptown.org/tv). Both Live Streaming and Video on Demand may be accessed from computers, laptops, or mobile devices

(e.g., iPad, smart phone, or tablet). Viewers may also watch City TV via Facebook Live @CityofHopkinsville or by tuning in to Spectrum Channel 376.

Agencies

Community and Development Services (CDS) and the Hopkinsville Human Rights Commission (HRC), which are both housed inside the downtown Municipal Building, will also limit face-to-face interactions with the public.

Residents with CDS-related questions and business should call (270) 887-4285 or visit comdev-services.com for information about permits, inspections, and other planning or code enforcement services.

The Hopkinsville Human Rights Commission will be closed to the public. Individuals with questions about filing an employment, housing, or public accommodation discrimination complaint or to check on the status of an existing complaint may connect with HRC by phone at (270) 887-4010, email at hrc@hopkinsvilleky.us, or by visiting hoptown.org/hrc.

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