

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE ó March 17, 2020

WESTPORT, WASHINGTON - The City of Westport is implementing changes to stem the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19). Effective immediately and until further notice, City Hall and City of Westport maintenance shops will be closed to the public. Office staff will remain

available by phone at (360) 268-0131 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Utility bill payments can be made by phone, by dropping payments in the outside drop box, or online at <a href="https://www.ci.westport.wa.us">www.ci.westport.wa.us</a>.

City Hall will make appointments for cash payments, notary services, faxing, copying, building permits, or other immediate items not listed. Please call 360-268-0131. These appointments will be scheduled to occur from 4:00 ó 5:00 p.m.

The public restroom and playground equipment at the City Park area will be disinfected three times per day as well as the public restrooms maintained by the City at the Dock area.

Everyone safety is very important to us. If there is a very urgent matter, please call us at 360-268-0131.

At this time, it is recommended people follow CDC recommendations such as:

- É Stay home when you're sick
- É Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue or your sleeve
- É Wash your hands often with soap and water
- É Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands
- É Clean frequently touched surfaces and objects
- É Follow social distancing protocols and avoid people who are sick

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention lists symptoms of COVID-19 as "mild to severe respiratory illness with fever, cough, and difficulty breathing."

Updated information on the current status of the COVID-19 response and how the public should respond is available at the Department of Health and Grays Harbor Public Health websites.

These changes are in the best interest of our staff, customers, and community. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call City Hall.

Thank you for your cooperation during this unprecedented time.

For more information or questions: Contact Westport City Hall at (360) 268-0131