



## Message From Long Lake Mayor Regarding COVID-19

### To the Residents and Other Community Members of the City of Long Lake,

We have all been watching as the Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) virus spread around the world, but now it is beginning to encroach in our community. Although the Minnesota Department of Health reports there were over 20 cases in Hennepin County as of March 17th, they do not identify the cities the patients are from to protect patient privacy. Regardless, as a community, we must do all we can to protect ourselves and reduce the likelihood of spreading the virus further. You have hopefully been inundated with this message already, but please refer to the [Centers for Disease Control website](#) for information on how to protect yourself. We need to help flatten the curve.

In addition to the CDC, the [Minnesota Department of Health](#) and [Hennepin County](#) also have websites dedicated to the COVID-19 virus.

### Public Safety

Our city staff are working hard to ensure city services are maintained, particularly essential services. The designated emergency manager for our city is Fire Chief James Van Eyll and he has been coordinating with his peers throughout the region to ensure we are maintaining best practices when it comes to the virus. Chief Van Eyll wants you to know that our Long Lake Fire Department personnel are trained and equipped to respond to incidents involving patients who may have the virus. An important part of that is making sure our firefighters do not contract the virus themselves and pass it on to their families and acquaintances. To assist with that goal, Long Lake Fire Department facilities are closed to the public until further notice. The Wayzata Police Department is also taking the necessary steps to ensure they are able to continue to provide policing services to us.

### City Hall and Staff

*In order to reduce the likelihood of the rest of city staff being exposed to the virus, Long Lake City Hall will be closed to the public until further notice.* City staff will continue to work in the building; however, we want to limit physical contact between staff and the public in order to ensure staff can continue their work. Fortunately, a lot of city business can be handled by phone, email, and mail, and staff are committed to being at city hall unless circumstances change. Please see below for more information on contacting city staff. We are evaluating how best to handle future City Council and other commission/board meetings, and we will send out updates as needed.

### Take Care of Your Neighbors

This is a time in which we need to come together as the small community we are to support one another. Although we need to prevent close contact with each other, we also need to look out for our neighbors, particularly those who are elderly or who have chronic medical conditions. Please reach out and check with your neighbors in those situations to see if they need anything. If you are going to the grocery store, offer to see what you can pick up and leave it on the front step for them. It is also going to be challenging to have to socially isolate ourselves, particularly those who are living alone, so pick up the phone and call your neighbors to check in on them and see how they are doing. The CDC also has information on how to [manage anxiety and stress](#) during this outbreak.

## **Restaurants and Businesses**

I also want to point out what a tremendously challenging situation this is going to be for our many great restaurants and small businesses. Please go out of your way to patronize businesses that have chosen to remain open. We are fortunate to have several terrific restaurants here in Long Lake and most of them have updated their website and/or Facebook pages with information on switching to takeout only service. Some are even customizing their menus for that purpose and are stressing how important the safety of their customers is to them. We have enjoyed dining in their establishments all these years but now they need our help with getting through this situation.

We will continue to keep residents informed about COVID-19-related issues impacting our city. Our thoughts, prayers and heartfelt wishes are with all who have been affected by COVID-19 in any way, and we hope the protective measures being enacted throughout the state and nation will slow down the spread of this virus as quickly as possible. These are unprecedented times for all of us and the situation is constantly evolving, but Long Lake is exactly the type of community that can persevere in a time like this and, in fact, come out even stronger in the end.

Sincerely,

Charlie Miner  
Mayor  
City of Long Lake

## **City of Long Lake Contact Information**

### **Phone**

City Hall - 952-473-6961  
Fire Department - 952-473-9701  
Public Works - 952-476-2855

For permits and licenses, please start by calling 952-473-6961 x1 - we can assist you in applying for a permit by mail.

### **Email**

If you are uncertain who to reach out to, email Amanda and she will forward your message to the best staff member to assist you - [anowezki@longlakemn.gov](mailto:anowezki@longlakemn.gov).

### **Mail**

To mail in a permit application or bill payment, please send mail to: City of Long Lake, PO Box 606, Long Lake, MN 55356.

### **Utility Bills**

Utility bill payments may be made online - visit [www.longlakemn.gov](http://www.longlakemn.gov) and click on the "Pay Utility Bill Online" button. Bill payments may also be mailed to our address above, or dropped off in the utility bill payment dropbox in the City Hall entryway. Questions about your utility bill status or payment options? Call Amanda at 952-473-6961 x3.