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TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: City Manager, Nathan E. Wallace

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SUBJECT: City of Palmer Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Update 3

With the announcement of the Governor's mandate on gatherings and the continued traffic in our public buildings I wanted to update you on additional closures and extensions of current closures in the City of Palmer:

In addition to the following closures that started Monday, March 16, 2020:

- The City of Palmer Library closed**(book drop will remain accessible)
- The City of Palmer Public Restrooms closed** (located on E. Elmwood)
- MTA Event Center closed**
- The Community Center (Depot) closed**

City administrative offices (City Hall, Public Works, Community Development, and the Airport) **will be closed to the public beginning 5:00 pm March 25, 2020.** The use of email, phone, fax, and the drop box in front of City Hall will be the primary means of communication and conducting business. This is especially important in the coming weeks as utility bills and sales tax fillings become due. The City does accept credit card payment online for utility bills and by phone for those desiring to use those methods of payment.

The measures listed above **will be in effect until further notice.**

We do encourage our residents and businesses to follow best practices for sanitation and to expand ways of social distancing so that the risk of community transmission in our community is minimized.

The City is constantly evaluating for the future and will announce other measures as they become necessary and possible reopening as conditions allow.

Government services will continue to be provided by the City; however, there may be some inconveniences encountered when conducting business in a different fashion than normal times allow for the near future.

We will get through these trying times if we all prepare, mitigate exposure, and support each other from a safe distance. I can't emphasize this enough; this is what makes our community Palmer - "Alaska at its Best!"

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