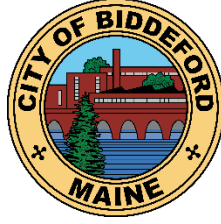

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PRESS RELEASE

City of Biddeford Announces COVID-19 Response

All public meetings and programs cancelled; City buildings closed to public.

BIDDEFORD (March 16, 2020) — On Monday evening, the Biddeford City Council adopted an emergency declaration order in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The preventative measures announced in the declaration were adopted in light of the need to practice social distancing in order to lessen the community spread of the virus.

The emergency declaration cancels all public meetings and all scheduled programming through the Recreation Department beginning Tuesday, March 17, 2020 until further notice. Full refunds or account credits will be given for any recreation program or trip that is cancelled.

Additionally, all City buildings and facilities will be closed to the public, including City Hall, the Fire and Police Departments, the Public Works building and Recycling Center, the Public Access Building, the Wastewater Treatment Plant, and the Community Center and related programs.

“We want to thank our residents in advance for their understanding and cooperation as we work to make difficult decisions during this time,” Mayor Alan Casavant said. “This is an unprecedented situation in Biddeford and we are taking the threat of this virus very seriously in order to protect our most vulnerable community members.”

Residents are encouraged to access the City’s online services if they have business to complete that would typically bring them to City Hall. A list of all available online services can be accessed at www.biddefordmaine.org/publichealth. Residents may also call the City’s service hotline at 207-284-9020 during business hours to speak to a staff member for assistance with business that cannot be completed online.

City staff and elected officials will continue to monitor the spread of COVID-19 in Maine and share additional updates on the City’s website as they are announced. For more information, please visit www.biddefordmaine.org/publichealth.

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