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A Message from Mayor Joe Caron

The Marshall community joins the nation and the world in experiencing unprecedented, life-changing events due to COVID-19 (Coronavirus).

Today we were informed of the first reported case of COVID-19 in Calhoun County. With the health and safety of city staff and all residents our top priority, and the need to ensure we continue providing essential city services, the city council has authorized non-essential staff to work remotely. This decision follows several other [measures](#) that were implemented earlier this week.

In addition to the efforts of the city leadership team in coordination with county, state and federal officials, I want to acknowledge and show my deep appreciation for the tremendous efforts of Marshall residents, business owners and employees, and community organizations that are going above and beyond to help and support each other.

- Our school community continues to make sure that food is getting to students who need it.
- Teachers are using technology to keep in touch with students and are offering online educational resources.
- Residents continue to support our local small businesses.
- Our local hospital administrators, doctors, nurses and employees are working around the clock to ensure the community has timely, health-related information and resources.
- Community members are reaching out to check on their neighbors' health and wellbeing and helping senior citizens and the immobile obtain essential items.

Additionally, one of my top priorities is making sure that you have access to reliable and accurate information in the days and weeks to come. With the support of the city council, I have compiled a list of links and other resources to help you find the information and assistance you may need during this time.

You will find links to healthcare information, school and family resources, city government sites, local business activities, and business owner/employee assistance resources.

This list will be kept up to date and available on the City of Marshall website (www.cityofmarshall.com).

Please email me at jcaron@cityofmarshall.com if there are other reliable and accurate resources we need to add to the list. Working together, we can help each other stay connected, informed, and most importantly, safe and healthy.

Marshall is a community of smart, talented, and creative individuals. Working together, I'm confident we will overcome the challenges before us and emerge even stronger.

Resources for Marshall Residents	
Health Information Resources	
Oaklawn Hospital (Website)	Site provides hospital visitor information and virus updates with links to the Calhoun County Health Department ; Michigan Department of Health and Human Services ; and the Centers for Disease Control . Site will be continually updated with new information as it becomes available.

Oaklawn Hospital Coronavirus Hotline (269) 789-7614	Line to call for general questions related to Coronavirus or screening. Available 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Marshall City Government - Announcements & Services	
City of Marshall (Website)	Site provides information about city council, city departments and contact information.
City of Marshall (Facebook site)	Site features updates and announcements from city departments.
Family/Parenting Resources	
Marshall Public Schools (Website)	Site provides school closing updates to parents and staff, educational resources for use during school closing, and food service information.
Marshall District Library (Facebook site)	Site features suggestions for home-based and virtual children's activities.
Marshall Area Business, Activity and Event Resources	
Marshall Chamber & Economic Development (Facebook site)	Site provides business and economic development news and events.
Choose Marshall (Website)	Official site of the Marshall Area Economic Development Alliance (MAEDA)/Marshall Chamber of Commerce.
Choose Marshall (Facebook site)	Site used to publicize Marshall business activities and events.
Business Owner & Employee Financial Resources	
Michigan Economic Development Corporation	Website with comprehensive list of specific state and federal resources for Michigan business owners. Lists all available grants and loans and additional resources for employers.
Michigan Small Business Development Center	Site provides information about SBDC resources to help new ventures and small businesses. Webinars are being offered.

[Small Business Association of Michigan](#)

Website with registration for free membership level that provides access to many resources, including daily 30-minute Facebook Live Meetings updates and opportunity for Q&A.

[Michigan Dept. of Labor and Economic Opportunity](#)

(Michigan Unemployment Insurance Agency)

Site provides link to file unemployment claims online and FAQs about filing for benefits due to COVID-19.

Other Resources for Individuals & Families

[211 Michigan](#)

A phone line for people facing financial, mental health or other issues. Michigan 2-1-1 is a free service that connects Michigan residents with help and answers right in their communities—quickly, easily, and confidentially.