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Memorandum

To: Niles Businesses

From: John C. Melaniphy III - Director of Economic Development

Date: March 22, 2020

Re: Covid-19 Coronavirus

The Village of Niles has been working around the clock to deliver vital Village services and assist residents, businesses, and manufacturers during the Covid-19 crisis. Governor Pritzker issued a state-wide "Stay-at-Home" order, which took effect Saturday, March 21, 2020 at 5 P.M. and will last through April 7. All residents shall remain in their home during this time, with exceptions for essential needs like obtaining food and visiting doctors.

Rest assured that the Village's police, fire, and public works services will all continue during this event. Regular garbage pickup will continue, but loose items that are not in a bag or cart will NOT be accepted. The Niles Free Bus will use its weekend schedule, with no early morning runs, 7 days a week beginning Tuesday, March 24 (the first run will switch to a 9:33 am start time for the 411 route, 9:43 am for the 410 route and 9:30 for the 412 route). Village facilities remain closed to the public.

Niles businesses have a multitude of questions given all the uncertainty of this situation. We understand. The Village is currently evaluating various types of assistance programs for businesses. We are also looking for leadership and guidance from federal, state, and county government agencies. The Village anticipates deferment of most Village fees, taxes, and licensing until more information is gathered and evaluated on the appropriate mechanisms to help our local businesses, manufacturers, and services. Village staff and the Niles Village Board are examining various scenarios and timelines. We are fully aware of the severity of challenges facing your businesses. We plan to implement a business strategy in the coming days and will post any updates as they become available.

We have provided links for frequently asked questions pertaining to the Governor's Stay-At-Home order for businesses, as well as, information for restaurants on the Village website under Coronavirus – Support Local Business. Some of these are provided below:

Business - Frequently Asked Questions – Coronavirus

1. [EO 2020 10.- Shelter in place](#)
2. [Stay at Home EO FAQ](#)
3. [03.20.20 Coronavirus 4PM State Officials Update Call \(003\)](#)
4. [March 17 2020 COVID 19 Executive Order](#)
5. [Sales Tax Deferment - Eating and Drinking Establishments-Coronavirus](#)
6. [Religious Organization](#)
7. [20200319 IDPH COVID-19 Interim Guida \(1\)](#)
8. [20200319 COVID-19 Closure-Opening Gu \(1\)](#)
9. [IML - Fact-Sheet-COVID19-2020-03-21](#)

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions and I will do my best to answer them for you. I can be reached at 847 588-8074 or jcm@vniles.com. We will work together to manage this crisis and support the Niles business community.

Sincerely,

VILLAGE OF NILES

John C. Melaniphy, III

Director of Economic Development