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**SOCIAL MEDIA/WEBSITE STATEMENT
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City's Statement on COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

Over the last couple of days, the City has received several inquiries regarding the City's plan to address COVID-19, better known as the Coronavirus. The City wants the community to know that we do have a Pandemic Response Plan in place to deal with public health concerns like COVID-19, and we are currently in the process of updating those plans to make sure we are best prepared to address this situation.

The City is also actively involved with our Local, State and Federal partners to receive the most up-to-date information on COVID-19 and how it might impact the Hutchinson community. The Minnesota Department of Health is leading the statewide response and the City is actively staying updated on that response.

The best way to protect yourself and your community from COVID-19 are to do the following:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Stay home if you are sick
- Cover your cough
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces

The City would also like people to know that many of our resident facilities (nursing homes, assisted living, etc.) have limited visiting protocols and visitors should check with those facilities about possible restrictions before visiting.

The City will continue to closely monitor this situation. We will continue to update our website and social media pages with information regarding impacts to the Hutchinson community as this situation evolves. The City will also be prepared to take any action that is advised or deemed necessary in communication with our various partners.

The best source for up-to-date and accurate information about COVID-19 is the Minnesota Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) websites.

Department of Health's website: <https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/index.html>

CDC's Website: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>