

## Carlisle City Council

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 City of Carlisle, Iowa

# Message from the Mayor

## COVID-19 Response

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City staff is continuing to monitor the COVID-19 situation. We are in regular contact with the Carlisle Community School District, County, and State officials to remain aware of the situation and any changes to those jurisdiction's approach.

In our community notice released yesterday, our city administrator noted that most city facilities will be closed to the public until further notice. We did not make this decision lightly. The intent is to help flatten the curve on the potential spread of the virus through social distancing and make sure staff and the public remain healthy. Staff will continue to perform their work. Public works, electric, police and fire will still be continuing to provide their services as usual. Administrative staff will be available to continue to assist you by phone or email. The library and parks and rec are working on ways to continue to safely provide their services. Be looking for ways to continue to utilize those services.

We received several pieces of information last night from our business community. Many of our local restaurants will be remaining open but taking precautions like closing their dining areas and only having carryout services. Some are looking into temporary delivery services. We have been told they will be increasing their already strong cleaning regiments as well. I applaud these establishments for finding a way to serve the public in a cautious and safe manner.

We have been in contact with our local stores carrying food and other home supplies as well. In those conversations, store managers have noted that supply for food and home supplies like paper goods is steady. We encourage you to make regular purchases of items and purchase what you need instead of stockpiling items so that there are enough of each item for everybody who needs it in our community. By taking that extra package of toilet paper to stock pile at home, it may mean that your neighbor has to go without. It is also likely that some stores may alter hours to allow staff to restock shelves. Please pay attention to notices at those establishments of any of these changes.

This morning, we learned that the congregate meals program, which serves some in our elderly community quality nutritionally-balanced meals, plan on continuing service with some minor changes. They plan on continuing their regular deliveries as well as offering curbside service for those who call a day prior to order a meal. The number to reserve a meal is 515-898-4367.

I would encourage our community to remember that our local businesses and community organizations are a large part of what makes Carlisle The Natural Choice and a great community to live in. As a community, it is important to continue our support of the local business community throughout the current situation. The owners and managers of these establishments are our friends and neighbors. They help by giving back to our library, parks and recreation programs, school system, and other community groups. Our support can help keep their doors open throughout the current situation and beyond.

We appreciate your understanding in this everchanging situation and apologize for any inconvenience. For continued updates on the current situation, please pay attention to our website at [carlisleiowa.org](http://carlisleiowa.org) or call 515-989-3224.

Regards,  
Mayor Drew Merrifield