



# TOWN OF WHEATFIELD

## NIAGARA COUNTY

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### **PRESS RELEASE FROM SUPERVISOR DON MACSWAN:**

Earlier this morning, Monday, March 16, 2020, New York State made numerous announcements and directives regarding the continuing response to the Corona Virus (COVID-19). Taking into account these recent developments and those that occurred over the past few days regarding the Corona Virus (COVID-19), together with the State of Emergency that was declared in Niagara County, I provide the following updated information and policies regarding The Town of Wheatfield.

Wheatfield takes seriously the health and safety of our residents, businesses and visitors. Therefore, we are taking a pro-active approach in an attempt to limit and slow down the spread of the virus, by instituting the following measures for Town facilities and activities:

1. Following Niagara County's lead, we are declaring a State of Emergency in the Town of Wheatfield until further notice. We are requesting that you limit nonessential travel as well as public gatherings and meetings.
2. The Town of Wheatfield Youth Center and Community Center including all events, senior activities, meetings, outside organization activities are canceled for at least two weeks or until further notice. The Youth Center will still be accepting applications for summer camp, baseball and softball.
3. Until further notice the Town Hall will remain open, however we strongly encourage you to complete your town business on-line, by telephone, email or drop box (at front entrance to Town Hall), rather than in person at the Town Hall. The Town of Wheatfield will screen anyone entering the Town Hall and if any risk factors are present, (i.e.: illness of individual or family member, travel to zone of substantial virus infection, etc. ...) entrance may be denied.
4. The regular Town Board, Zoning and Planning meetings are cancelled through the remainder of March. Special meetings may be called for necessary or emergency business, however, we ask you to err on the side of caution and stay home if possible.
5. Any other town and committee meetings are postponed until further notice.
6. Electronic recycling at the Town of Wheatfield Water and Sewer Department is temporarily suspended until further notice.

7. The Town of Wheatfield Highway Department Building is closed to the public until further notice.
8. Town cleaning staff will be taking extra sanitation measures on high contact areas.
9. Wheatfield Town Court shall be closed and suspending and adjourning all cases except for criminal arraignments and emergency cases/orders. Any questions from the public should be directed to court phone numbers for guidance and adjourned dates.

These policies and measures are subject to change and will be updated as needed.

Both I and Town staff will do our best to keep you informed as things change in the coming days and weeks.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Town with any questions.

Thank you and please do your part to stay safe.

Don MacSwan

Wheatfield Town Supervisor