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### **Mayor Helmer Marshals His Troops to Combat Coronavirus Spread**



**Mayor Nicholas J. Helmer (seated center left) and his team**

*Prospect Heights March 13, 2020* - Prospect Heights Mayor Nicholas J. Helmer has directed City Staff to take all preventive measures against the spread of the Coronavirus. During this week's Coronavirus update meeting with City Department Heads and Chicago Executive Airport personnel, Mayor Helmer stressed that the health and safety of the residents of Prospect Heights and city staff is his utmost concern.

To ensure the City is doing everything we can do to aid in the prevention of the spread of the Coronavirus, Mayor Helmer has instructed the following steps to be enacted.

- The common areas of the City's facilities will be cleaned and disinfected daily
- Hand sanitizer stations will be made available at City facilities for visitors and staff
- Residents are strongly encouraged to pay bills by mail, online through the City's website, or by dropping in City Hall's outside drop box.

- City inspections can be postponed if you or your employees are feeling ill or showing any symptoms of being ill. Contact the Building Department at 847-398-6070 x 211 for more information.

Mayor Helmer would also like to remind everyone that preventing the spread of the Coronavirus begins in our homes and hopes we all follow these simple tips.

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially after you have been in a public place.
- Only use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home if you are sick, except to get medical care.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or use the inside of your elbow. Immediately wash or sanitize your hands after.
- Only wear a mask if you are sick or you are caring for someone who is sick. Facemasks may be in short supply and they should be saved for caregivers.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily.

Mayor Helmer advises everyone to “Keep Calm and Take Precautions”

Additional information is available on the City of Prospect Heights website at [www.prospect-heights.il.org](http://www.prospect-heights.il.org).

For questions or if you need additional information please contact Peter Falcone, Assistant City Administrator at 847-398-6070 ext. 206.

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