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## **Governor's Amended Public Health Order to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19**

Per the Governor's latest Public Health Order, the City of Hobbs will be closing facilities deemed nonessential for two weeks beginning Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, and limiting the number of staff at the others. For facilities and services still open, please attempt to complete as many activities through non-in-person methods as possible, such as paying your water bill online. The COVID-19 positivity rate for Lea County has reached 17.2% and 12.19% in New Mexico as of November 11<sup>th</sup>. To limit person-to-person contact and expedite service, we encourage all customers to complete transactions online at [www.hobbsnm.org](http://www.hobbsnm.org) or over the phone at (575)397-9200 when they can.

The City of Hobbs is committed to the public we serve as the COVID-19 pandemic progresses, and we will continue to communicate with the public and our staff any and all updates. There will be no water shut-offs due to lack of payment during this time.

The Hobbs City Commission meeting on Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup> will be held virtually at [hobbsnm.org](http://hobbsnm.org). For preventive measures, the City of Hobbs will be closed Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup> all day.

Additionally, the City of Hobbs will be closed Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup> for the Thanksgiving holiday.

See the below facilities that will be closed, effective November 16<sup>th</sup>.

### **Amended Public Health Order Directs**

Per the Governor's Public Health Order issued on November 13<sup>th</sup>, the follow facilities and services will close effective, Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup>:

- CORE (Center of Recreational Excellence)
- Hobbs Public Library
- Hobbs Teen Center
- Rockwind Community Links golf course and Rockwind Grill
- Hobbs Senior Center (Meals on Wheels and the meal pickup site will continue as they are)
- Outdoor public restrooms

## Amended Hours and Staffing

- Hobbs Express route service
  - Demand response service will be available for essential services only
- MVD will complete transactions by appointment only. Call (575)397-9213 to schedule.
- Hobbs Animal Adoption Center will provide services by appointments only. You may reach them at (575)397-9323.
- City Hall will maintain regular hours with minimum staffing.

## Precautions and Prevention

You play a vital role in the safety of yourself, your family, and your community. Prevention is the most important part.

Those who are elderly or with severe underlying health conditions, such as heart disease, lung disease, and diabetes, are at a higher risk of becoming infected and experiencing more serious symptoms. We want to ensure citizens have up-to-date information and are mindful of the precautions they should take to prevent the coronavirus:

*The CDC recommends that if individuals feel sick or that they are becoming sick, they are encouraged to stay home and contact their medical provider immediately, which is a practice recommended during any flu season. If someone is sick at all, even if it is not COVID-19, they should stay home as they will have a weakened immune system and contact may weaken the immune systems of those they contact.*



If you are ill or showing symptoms of being ill, we encourage individuals to stay home. City Staff will work with all individuals to ensure the highest quality of service and safety are guaranteed.

We recommend residents to reference our website at [www.hobbsnm.org/update](http://www.hobbsnm.org/update) for the most up-to-date local information regarding cancelled events, public notices, and more.

All City facilities and programs will comply with State and Federal-issued Orders.

- The New Mexico Department of Health COVID-19 hotline number: (855)600-3453
- The NM Department of Health number during this time for questions related to meals, transportation, products, childcare, schools business loans, etc.: (833)551-0518
- Nor-Lea Hospital District testing number: (575)396-9090
- Lea Regional Medical Center testing number: (575)392-1973

Additionally, you may monitor the following websites:

- <https://cv.nmhealth.org/>
- <https://gisanddata.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/bda7594740fd40299423467b48e9ecf6>
- [CDC website on 2019-nCoV](#)

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