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PRESS RELEASE

Residents Encouraged to Contact City Hall Online or By Phone for City Business

SCHENECTADY – Mayor Gary McCarthy encouraged residents to contact City Hall **online or by phone**. The City’s website is www.cityofschenectady.com and the main phone line for City Hall is (518) 382-5199.

Residents are strongly encouraged to only visit City Hall if they must conduct business which can only be done in-person, such as obtaining a permit or filing a claim. For property owners with internet access, the City strongly encourages that property tax payments are completed online instead of in-person. Members of the public will be asked to wash their hands or use hand sanitizer upon entering the building.

According to the CDC, symptoms of COVID-19 include coughing and fever, and may appear between 2 and 14 days after exposure. If you believe you have been exposed or have symptoms of COVID-19, please call your doctor.

The CDC and the New York State Department of Health (NYS DOH) recommend these simple steps to help stop the spread of COVID-19 and other respiratory viruses:

- Wash hands often with soap and water, especially before eating
- Avoid close contact with sick people
- Avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth
- Stay home if you feel sick
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces

Updated information is available on the NYS DOH website: www.health.ny.gov/coronavirus. NYS DOH also has a coronavirus hotline available at 1-888-364-3065. There is also information and updates about the virus on the website and social media platforms of the CDC: www.cdc.gov/COVID19. Schenectady County Public Health Services (SCPHS) Communicable Disease Department can be reached at 518-366-2824 x4.

The City and County are continuing to closely monitor and prepare for the potential spread of COVID-19 in Schenectady and are in constant communication with Governor Andrew Cuomo’s office. The Schenectady Fire Department and Schenectady Police Department are coordinating with the Schenectady County Department of Health, Schenectady County Emergency Management, local medical facilities and other local emergency responders.