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### Westland City Hall to Remain Closed to Public Through December 20, 2020

**Westland, MI (December 8, 2020)** - In accordance with restrictions from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, City of Westland Administrative Offices will remain closed to the public through Sunday, December 20, 2020.

Offices closed on November 17 as a result of the State of Michigan's "three week pause" which required limits on indoor gatherings and prohibited in-person work which can be done from home. The pause, which was set to expire on Tuesday, December 8 was extended for an additional 12 days.

Administrative Offices will remain operational with a limited staff.

Residents are encouraged to utilize the City's online services at [www.cityofwestland.com](http://www.cityofwestland.com) during this time. You can also locate contact information for City Departments on the city's website. City staff will still be responding to emails and voicemails as quickly as possible.

There are also two drop boxes located in front of City Hall for residents to drop off payments and paperwork which will continue to be checked daily.

Essential government services that will continue include public safety, utilities, animal control, housing and building departments, sanitation (including trash collection), and finance.

The extension also includes the temporary closure of the Jefferson Barns Community Vitality Center, the Friendship Senior Center and the Mike Modano Ice Arena to the public.

The Westland Public Library is closed temporarily but will re-open at a limited capacity on Monday, December 14. The 18th District Court remains open.

The City of Westland has also announced the cancellation of the annual "Deck the City Hall" holiday event which was scheduled to take place on December 9. The event will now take place on a digital format and will air on WLND.

Public meetings, including meetings of the Westland City Council will continue to be conducted virtually.

For the most current information and updates on other city closures and postponements, please visit [www.cityofwestland.com](http://www.cityofwestland.com)

For more information, please call (734) 467-3200.

Westland, Michigan is the state's 10<sup>th</sup> largest municipality, with a population of over 84,000.

Westland has been recognized as one of 24/7 Wall Street's America's Best 50 Cities to Live, offering residents and visitors an ideal blend of single – family affordable homes, apartments and condominiums, great schools, and access to numerous outdoor activities. Public safety is delivered by full-service, professional law enforcement and firefighting personnel.

Westland is well known as a premier destination for shopping and dining in Wayne County with hundreds of shops and restaurants anchored by the Westland Shopping Center, one of the country's original four regional malls.

The City is served by two public school districts; Wayne-Westland Community Schools serving 12,000 youth was recently named one of the best schools in Michigan by WXYZ-TV and is the proud recipient of 14 Golden Apple and two Michigan Blue Ribbon Exemplary School Awards. Livonia Public Schools, educating nearly 15,000 students, is proud of their MEAP/MME scores that exceed State averages and the district has also earned Golden Apple and Michigan Blue Ribbon Exemplary School awards.

The City provides competitive incentives for those who are interested in investing in Westland, making it one of the hottest investment markets in the region. Westland's Fast-Track to Business Team, which consists of key decision makers who work diligently to "cut the red tape" and expedite the approval process for new business development.