- OFFICE OF THE MAYOR -
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City of Kankakee

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Dear City of Kankakee resident,

As the year 2020 is almost at its end, we continue to be proactive in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. In May, you should have received the first letter from me while we were in the early months of the virus. We have continued to provide updates on our social media platforms and on the City of Kankakee's website at www.citykankakee-il.gov. We remain in close contact with our health professionals, state officials and federal legislators as more details continue to become available. The purpose of this letter is to share more resources with you.

Thanks to the CARES Act, Bounce Back Kankakee is one of the main resources used to help provide financial assistance to our local residents and business owners. I am happy to report more than $117,000 assisted 32 businesses in the City of Kankakee and more than $18,000 assisted residents at this time. Our Economic and Community Development Agency (ECDA) is still working through applications for residential assistance.

Applications for Bounce Back Business will reopen in January. We will continue to provide updates on our social media platforms and website.

Ongoing COVID-19 testing sites in the City of Kankakee are as follows:

- AMITA Health St. Mary's Hospital
  - 500 W. Court Street
  - Physician's order needed

- Aunt Martha's Community Health Center
  - 1777 E. Court Street
  - Tuesday through Friday from 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
  - Saturday from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
  - No appointment required

- CVS Pharmacy
  - 225 W. Court Street
  - Appointment required. Complete registration at minuteclinic.com.
  - Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- Duane Dean Behavioral Health Center
  - Testing conducted at 367 S. Schuyler Avenue
  - Saturdays and Sundays from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
  - No appointment required

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- Riverside Healthcare
  - 1905 W. Court Street
  - Physician's order needed

During these challenging times, there is also an increased need for food and supplies. I would like to thank those who have donated to the City of Kankakee's food drive during the month of December. We appreciate your support in helping many families throughout our community.

Food pantries in the City of Kankakee are as follows:

- Agape Community Outreach Mission, Inc.
  - 196 S. Harrison Avenue
  - Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

- Center of Hope
  - 395 N. Schuyler Avenue
  - Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

- Kankakee County Community Services, Inc.
  - 657 E. Court Street
  - Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

- St. John II
  - 341 N. Saint Joseph Avenue
  - Fridays from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
  - Once a month

- St. Vincent de Paul
  - 361 St. Joseph Avenue
  - Fridays from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
  - Once a month

- Salvation Army
  - 148 N. Harrison Avenue
  - To-go lunches on Monday – Friday from 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
  - Food pantry on Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

For additional resources and more information on COVID-19 assistance, visit the following links below:

https://dceocovid19resources.com/

https://coronavirus.illinois.gov/s/resources-cdc

https://coronavirus.illinois.gov/s/resources-for-families-and-children

https://coronavirus.illinois.gov/s/resources-for-seniors

https://coronavirus.illinois.gov/s/resources-for-business

https://coronavirus.illinois.gov/s/resources-for-economic-assistance

https://coronavirus.illinois.gov/s/mental-health

For all updates from the City of Kankakee, visit our website at www.citykankakee-il.gov. Please do not hesitate to reach out to my office with any questions or concerns.

Also, I want to extend my heartfelt condolences to those who have lost loved ones. The City of Kankakee is fortunate to have dedicated first responders, healthcare workers and essential workers who continue to be our everyday heroes. Thank you.

Though it has been a challenging time in our history, my hope is for a peaceful, restorative holiday season with loved ones. As we turn to a new year, I am confident we will best recover by working together.

Sincerely,

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