COVID-19 Information

In an effort to limit public interactions and gatherings and prevent the spread of COVID-19, several City of Cedar Rapids facilities are closed to the general public through April 13, including City Hall and the City Services Center. The Building Services Department has outlined the following guidance to assist builders and developers in limiting public interactions during this time.

PERMITS
All permit applications are available online. Applications and forms can be emailed or faxed to the corresponding department, or dropped off in a sealed envelope at the box located at the City Services Center front doors (south side of building) at 500 15th Ave SW.

You can find all the permit applications and payment instructions for Building and Trades on the City website: [http://cedar-rapids.org/local_government/departments_a_f/building_services/building_and_trades/building_trades_notice.php](http://cedar-rapids.org/local_government/departments_a_f/building_services/building_and_trades/building_trades_notice.php)

INSPECTION SERVICES
Inspection services will continue, with some restrictions in place to protect the safety of the public and our employees.

General guidelines for all inspections:

- We will limit exposure to as few individuals as possible (sub or general contractor only if possible)
- No more than 10 people in a group, with 6-8 feet of distance between people. Building Services staff may evaluate the risk before proceeding.

Building Inspections

No Modifications: Inspections that will occur as normal
- Exterior footings, decks, accessory structures.
- Residential and commercial projects where structure is unoccupied.
- In general any new unoccupied construction project or outside project where exposure can be limited.

Modifications: Inspections that will be adjusted for public safety
- Interior residential/ commercial where occupants are present will be determined on a case-by-case basis. We will evaluate the life safety issues and determine the best course of action.
- High risk facilities such as hospitals, care centers, day cares, schools will be determined on a case-by-case basis. We will evaluate the life safety issues and determine the best course of action.
- All other projects that pose a hazard from exposure to more than 10 individual or individuals who pose a risk will be determined on a case-by-case basis.
Mechanical / Plumbing / Electrical

Life safety issues including no heat, no water, no electrical will be evaluated and prioritized. We will work with subcontractors on limiting risk during inspections.

Inspections that will be scheduled as normal:

- Sewer and ground work that is outside the building
- Un-occupied commercial and residential projects
- Accessory structures
- Gas test outside the structure
- Electrical service with pictures of panel sent to electrical@cedar-rapids.org
- Temp electrical service

Inspections schedules that will be modified and/or suspended:

- Inspections of appliance replacements in single family dwellings will be suspended until further notice. The contractor may take photos of the work and email to mechanical@cedar-rapids.org or PlumbingInspector@cedar-rapids.org.
- Interior Residential where occupants are present will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis
- High risk facilities such as hospitals, care centers, day cares, schools will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis
- Any project that poses a hazard from exposure to more than 10 or individuals who pose a risk will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis and possibly postponed.