

Immediate Release:

I would like to thank the citizens and businesses of Blair for your cooperation in taking the Governors Directed Health Measures “DHMs” seriously.

Now, with the first two official cases of COVID-19 in Washington County, it is of utmost importance that everyone adheres to the DHMs and other directives of the Three Rivers Public Health Department. Although we are not aware of any cases directly in Blair at this time, it is only a matter of time before someone in the community is infected.

We encourage you to continue to support our business community by purchasing carryout or delivery but encourage all citizens to limit nonessential trips to the stores and businesses.

Make sure at all times to practice good social distancing. Wash hands often and when washing is not viable use sanitizing wipes and sanitizers with at least 60 percent alcohol. We encourage you to monitor the Three Rivers Public Health Department web site for the latest updates on the COVID-19 pandemic. Their web site can be found at www.threeriverspublichealth.org and the City has a link to Three Rivers Public Health site by going to the City’s web site at www.blairnebraska.org. The City of Blair is coordinating with Three Rivers Public Health Department and they are the lead agency for the Blair area and all citizens should follow their recommendations.

Blair City Offices remain closed to the public, but staff continues to work and can assist citizens that need permits, inspections, zoning information, information on utilities etc. If you have any questions you should continue to call City Hall at 402-426-4191 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday so someone can help you. Public Works, Parks, and Library Staff’s continue to work but will limit contact with the public for you and your family’s safety as well as for the safety of our employees and their families. Work will be limited to emergencies. The Police, Fire and Rescue Departments continue to work to help maintain a safe community environment.

On a further note the City cleanup will go forward as scheduled. When delivering waste, garbage, junk, and other items to the public works cleanup site people asked to remain in their vehicles until it is their turn to unload and to make sure to maintain good social distancing while unloading. Individuals wanting burn permits will need to contact the Fire Dept as advertised to get a burn permit prior to doing any burning.

Richard Hansen, Mayor