

FROM: Mayor Lenarcic

Memo to Jamestown Residents

April 8, 2020

COVID-19 UPDATE – CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY ACT (CARES)

MORE ON THE CARES ACT:

In addition to the 2.2 trillion dollars currently in the CARES Act, Congress is also putting together a “CARES 2.0” that will set aside additional funding for the parts of the original Act that seem underfunded.

The White House is touting a huge infrastructure bill and both bills could be combined or kept separate.

On April 7th Congressman Neguse introduced a \$250 billion bill that would provide stabilization funds to local governments.

This information supplements my original Memo dated March 31, 2020 now on the Town website.

CARES REBATES:

Almost everyone is entitled to an economic income payment:

- Based on your 2018 income tax filing: If you filed single and had income of \$75,000 or less you will receive \$1200. If you filed jointly and had income of \$150,000 or less you will receive \$2400 plus \$500 for each qualifying child under age 17. If you filed as head of household your income must be \$112,500 or less to qualify.
- If you filed your 2018 or 2019 IRS return and gave an account number for a refund your payment will be deposited in that account. Those payments will start going out on April 13.
- If you are on Social Security and you did not file income taxes in 2018/19, you may still be eligible for a rebate. Your payment will be deposited in the account where you receive monthly payments. Those payments will start to go out about April 23rd.
- Everyone else will be getting a check in the mail. Those payments will start to go out about the week of May 4th. It will take about 20 weeks to get them all out. Checks are issued in order of income with the lowest going out first.
- I am attaching the following information sheets with regard to economic income payments.
 - 2020.4 Rebate Payment Timeline
 - Economic impact payment FAQ

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION:

This is an area where additional funding is needed. Congressman Neguse is working to make it happen. There was no additional information to add to my March 31 memo.

- I am attaching a table summarizing existing and new unemployment benefits

ASSISTANCE TO SMALL BUSINESSES:

The CARES Act provides \$377 billion dollars for small businesses. These grants seem to be going fast and \$377 Billion will not be enough. This is another area where Congressman Neguse is trying to make billions more available. All of these programs are administered by the Small Business Administration.

- I have several pdf documents covering these programs including a *Small Business Owner's Guide*. I will forward this and other documents upon request.
 - I am attaching a small business FAQ that briefly outlines the CARES Act program.

ASSISTANCE TO EDUCATION AND COLLEGE STUDENTS:

This part of the Act includes \$30.75 Billion to support local school systems and higher education institutions. It also provides some relief for student loans and childcare costs for front line (essential) workers.

- I am attaching a short outline of that program.

HEALTHCARE

- If you should become a patient, the Act and the Families First Act provides for certain benefits. FAQ attached

OTHER COVID-19 INFORMATION:

- The recent recommendation for the use of masks seems to have heightened our awareness of how easy it is to pass this disease to others. Persons without symptoms can easily unknowingly infect others.
<https://www.thedenverchannel.com/news/coronavirus/coronavirus-could-spread-just-by-breathing-experts-say>
- I still see folks walking with friends and relatives in public without observing Social Distancing. I have seen groups of families (not in Jamestown) out exercising and walking together. On the other hand, in public (stores) strangers are much more likely to keep six feet apart.
- Social Distancing is not based on trust. It is based on science. It seems that we may be as likely to be infected by someone we know and love than by a stranger.
- The Governor has extended the present Stay at Home order to April 26. I expect it will be extended a couple more times and that the closures and requirements will continue for some time.
- Problem spots in Jamestown are the Post Office, Town Square, The front of the Merc and The Town Hall plaza. Wait your turn at the Post Office and keep away from the door(s). Other complaints are about bicyclists not minding social distancing requirements. Trustee Harris has forwarded a message to the bicycling community asking them to put out the word to be respectful when riding through Jamestown. A little more signage might also help.
- I have had conversations with the Sheriff. That department is about overwhelmed on weekends with complaints about parking around trailheads. The problem is all over the mountains. I also spoke with Lyons and Nederland on April 7th. Nederland

has closed one small park but parks in both communities are open for walking and hiking. Lyons dog park also remains open.

NEWS FROM COUNTY OEM APRIL 7th AGENCY ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING:

Some hopeful news. New cases are beginning to stabilize somewhat in Colorado. The county health department reports that Colorado may be beginning to peak, however, as of April 7th.

Nationwide there are over 11,000 deaths.

In Colorado there are over 5,000 confirmed cases, 994 Hospitalizations and 150 deaths.

In Boulder County there are 199 confirmed plus probable cases, 50 hospitalizations and 5 deaths. That is below state average. Eight long term nursing establishments have one or more infected residents.

By all reports, this pandemic will be with us for a long while. Please keep social distancing, be respectful of your neighbors and support each other.

Sincerely,

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