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The Village Of Shelby Suspends Water Shut-Offs To Slow The Spread Of COVID-19
First Positive Cases Of Coronavirus Disease Announced In Michigan

SHELBY, Mich. – Yesterday, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services announced that two Michigan residents tested positive for coronavirus disease (COVID-19), being the first confirmed cases in the state. Governor Gretchen Whitmer has declared a state of emergency to maximize efforts and assist local governments and officials in slowing the spread of the virus.

Given this news, the Village of Shelby has decided to suspend water shut-offs for non-payment to maximize efforts to slow the spread of COVID-19 and keep our residents safe. We want to ensure that everyone is able to wash their hands often with soap and warm water for 20 seconds.

While we are suspending water shut-offs for non-payment, the Village's water policy will still be enforced. Per the policy, a ten percent (10%) penalty will be added to your bill each month for non-payment.

"We are taking the steps we can to mitigate the spread of this virus and keep residents safe," said Village of Shelby Administrator Robert Widigan. "It is vital that residents continue to take preventative measures to lower their risk, we encourage everyone to share this information with their friends, family, and co-workers."

Below are steps residents can take to prevent the spread of flu and the common cold that will also help prevent coronavirus disease, including:

- Wash your hands often with soap and warm water for 20 seconds. If not available, use hand sanitizer.
- Avoiding touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Covering your mouth and nose with a tissue or upper sleeve when coughing or sneezing.
- Avoiding contact with people who are sick.
- Staying home if you are sick and contact your healthcare provider.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), COVID-19 Symptoms may appear in as few as two days or as long as 14 days after exposure to the virus. They include:

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of Breath

Information from the CDC regarding what you need to know about keeping workplaces, homes, schools, or commercial establishments safe can be found at [CDC.gov/Coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus). Information regarding what Michigan is doing can be found at [michigan.gov/Coronavirus](https://www.michigan.gov/Coronavirus).

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