

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
CITY OF PONTIAC GENERAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

The Board of Trustees are closely monitoring the continuous changing environment and negative impact of the coronavirus (COVID-19) at a global and local level. We will continue to look to the World Health Organization (WHO) and Center for Disease Control (CDC) for guidance and direction. Please read the important information below. It is the most current information we have to date.

The coronavirus is now considered a pandemic. A pandemic is a global outbreak of disease and occurs when a new virus emerges to infect people over a wide geographic area and affects an exceptionally high proportion of the population. According to the CDC, the immediate risk of being exposed to this virus is still low for most Americans, but as the outbreak expands, that may increase. We urge everyone to follow the guidelines of the CDC, as well as the federal and local governments.

Those with increased risk of exposure:

- Older people
- People with serious chronic medical conditions
- People with compromised immune systems
- People in places where ongoing community spread of the virus has been reported
- Healthcare workers caring for patients with the virus
- Close contact of person with the virus; and
- Travelers returning from overseas and cruise ships.

Limiting the spread:

- Stay at home 14 days from the time you left an high-risk area and practice social distancing;
- Take your temperature with a thermometer twice a day and monitor for fever. Also watch for cough or trouble breathing;
- Do not take public transportation, taxis or ride-shares during the time you are quarantined;
- Stay home and avoid contact with others. Do not go to work for 14 days;
- Avoid crowded places (such as shopping centers and movie theatres) and limit your activities in public; and
- Keep you distance from others (about 6 feet).

What to do if you get sick with fever (100.4 degree or higher), cough, or having trouble breathing:

- Seek medical care;
- Tell your doctor about your recent travel and your symptoms; and
- Avoid contact with others.

I want you to know that we understand the importance of your monthly pension payment and take very seriously our responsibility for investing the System's assets to ensure your benefits are paid in a timely manner; this is our primary focus.

In this unprecedented environment, you can be confident that we are stronger together and will get through this with the love and support for each other. Wishing you and your families the very best for the coming weeks.

Sincerely Yours,

Sheldon Albritton, Chairman
On behalf of the Board of Trustees
City of Pontiac General Employees' Retirement System