



THE CITY OF  
**CANTON**  
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**NEWS RELEASE**  
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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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**MEDIA ADVISORY: Canton City Government Will Operate Without Interruption**

**CANTON, OHIO** – This Release is issued by Thomas M. Bernabei, Mayor of Canton.

*While COVID-19 is a serious public health concern, I want to re-emphasize to our community that there is no cause for panic. While public events may be cancelled or delayed to encourage common sense social distancing and to allow the initial effects of the virus to pass, Canton City government remains dedicated to providing the community services that we all depend on. This is especially important during a time such as this.*

*To be clear, Canton City government will operate without interruption.*

*Police, Fire, EMS and Dispatch (911) will operate 24/7, without interruption.*

*Water, Sewer, sanitation pickups and other public services will operate without interruption.*

*There is no closure of any City government offices or operations.*

*However, to further encourage common sense social distancing and to protect both our employees and the public effective Monday, March 16, 2020, the City of Canton is temporarily suspending public access to non-essential public facing offices/departments. We ask that residents and constituents conduct business via phone, email, standard mail, or drop box where appropriate. If you have a question about a specific office or issue, please contact that office by phone or email for instructions prior to making an in-person visit.*

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