Covid-19: Decisions by the Municipality of Lausanne: 19.03.2020
- Summarized version (complete version in French here)

The Municipality has taken the following decisions in order to respond as effectively as possible to the various needs of the population of Lausanne. It will be paying particularly close attention to the groups of people most affected by the pandemic.

**Building works:**
All building works commissioned by the city authorities will stop. The only exception will be urgent works, as stopping them could create a risk for the population or prevent the delivery of essential services.

**Commercial leases:**
As a landlord, the city authorities are deferring the collection of rent from all its commercial tenants (shops and public amenities) until at least April 30, 2020.

**Support for business:**
The city authorities have already implemented a range of measures (see the full press release for more information).

**Support for culture, sport and welfare:**
Nominal and ad hoc grants to social, cultural and sporting organisations will be maintained and paid, even in the case of cancellations.

**Child care:**
The emergency child care arrangements introduced to date will be maintained. Bills for municipal day-care centres will be cancelled for parents who have not benefited from their services, for the duration of the pandemic.

**Unemployment and welfare benefits:**
The authorities have set up an internal unit to support subsidised bodies in relation to applications for reduced working hours, in order to process applications as quickly as possible. The ORP and Lausanne Welfare Services are processing numerous applications for unemployment benefits and income support respectively. The administration is equipped to manage all these applications and ensure that relevant services will continue to be provided. Emergency accommodation services will continue.

**Elderly people:**
The Municipality has set up a hotline number (021 315 35 08), which will be sent to everyone over the age of 65 so that they can get specific advice about their situation. The Municipality will cover the cost of home food deliveries by vélocité within the Lausanne area. Elderly and vulnerable people can place orders either on the Youpaq.com platform or by getting in touch either with shopkeepers in Lausanne who offer this option, or with Terre vaudoise, which offers local, seasonal produce.

**Changes to light-controlled crossroads and pedestrian crossings:**
Most crossroads and pedestrian crossings will temporarily move to flashing lights or have fixed crossing times to avoid pedestrians having to touch the push buttons.
Finally, the Municipality solemnly calls on everyone in Lausanne to act responsibly and comply with federal and cantonal instructions to curb the spread of the virus.

The complete version of the press release, in French only, is available here.

Coronavirus - Lausanne increases night-time accommodation capacity - Press release 24 March 2020

The city authorities, in close cooperation with the canton and PCI, opened a new accommodation centre for vulnerable and homeless people on the 23rd of March. Located in the La Pontaise administrative building (BAP), it provides 50 additional places per night and 14 rooms for people who are ill or need to remain in isolation. This will bring the number of night-time accommodation places in Lausanne to 208, at six different locations.

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