

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am addressing this letter to people who have chosen Gdynia as their place of residence. During this epidemic, all the inhabitants of Gdynia are in a difficult situation. The spread of coronavirus has brought new challenges to us – local authorities and residents. And we are all trying to overcome them. Schools work remotely, many companies do not operate, temporary workplaces are shut down, the necessity of self-isolation affects many areas. As a municipality, we take many measures to ensure the safety of the residents, to minimise the effects of the epidemic, and to develop assistance programmes. The city's actions must be as adequate to the residents' needs as possible. The current situation hinders communication with the community, hence we may not be aware of some expectations. Therefore, I would like to ask you for mutual dialogue and constant contact in this time of dynamically changing reality.

I am aware that for you – the residents of Gdynia – who have arrived in our city relatively recently – this extraordinary situation may be particularly difficult. As local authorities, we want you to feel good and safe in Gdynia. Therefore, I would like to ask you to communicate your needs and share ideas for solutions you may find helpful during this pandemic. Please send any comments in Polish or in your mother tongue to the following e-mail address: moja@gdynia.pl

I would also like to encourage you to follow the information on our website gdynia.pl. It is already translated into Russian, English, German and Swedish. Yet, I would like to point out that the amount of current news related to the epidemic makes it hard for us to translate all the new information on an ongoing basis. We also recommend to you the Facebook group cudzoziemcy.gdynia, where we post all the news.

With best wishes of staying healthy and keeping peace of mind,

MAYOR OF GDYNIA

Wojciech Szczurek