



City of Patterson

Press Release

March 23, 2020

The City of Patterson (“City”) announced today that it is urging residents to follow Governor Newsom’s order that all County residents “shelter in place” and practice social distancing during the COVID-19 pandemic. On Monday, March 16, 2020, Gov. Newsom directed that all gyms and movie theaters close and that restaurants limit their service to take-out and delivery meals only. This follows a previous directive, in which the Governor also asked that residents age 65 and over and those at higher risk for serious illness stay at home. On Thursday, March 19, 2020, Governor Newsom signed Executive Order N-33-20 to minimize the spread of COVID-19. <https://covid19.ca.gov/img/Executive-Order-N-33-20.pdf>

The Mayor wants to assure the public that after creating modified schedules to reduce restrictions, the City is functioning at full capacity and does not expect any interruptions in City utility services. Our utmost concern is the safety and health of our residents. Our goal is to still provide excellent service to our customers under these unprecedented circumstances.

By urging people to “shelter in place,” the City asks that residents stay at home and only leave their homes for grocery shopping, necessary medical appointments, picking up meals at a restaurant, caring for a friend or relative, or traveling for essential job functions. Residents who wish to walk or jog in public places are strongly encouraged to practice social distancing and keep a minimum distance of six feet from each other.

Our City Manager urges residents to use our web services for regular updates and for bill payment online. Although City Hall is temporarily closed, we are still providing telephone and drop off payments and are currently waiving online payment fees.

Local restaurants can still provide take-out food and make deliveries. The City encourages residents to support local businesses as best they can, but requests that residents not gather in groups or use restaurant dining rooms.

These recommendations will reduce the likelihood that individuals will be exposed to COVID-19 at various locations and will thereby slow the spread of COVID-19 in our community. By reducing the spread of COVID-19, this Order will help preserve critical and limited healthcare capacity in the County.

The City will provide regular updates as new information becomes available. Please refer to the City’s website at www.ci.patterson.ca.us for updates.



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Press Release – For Immediate Publication

March 16, 2020

Today, the City of Patterson City’s Director of Emergency Services, Ken Irwin, issued a Proclamation of the Existence of a Local Emergency (“Proclamation”) in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Proclamation follows President Trump’s declaration of a Nationwide Emergency earlier today, as well as Governor Newsom’s statewide declaration on March 4, 2020, and the World Health Organization’s characterization of the COVID-19 outbreak as a global pandemic this week.

Today’s Proclamation is an important step to allow additional resources to flow into the City, to assist with the costs of efforts already underway to curb the spread of COVID-19 and protect the health and safety of City residents. The City is prepared and will continue to plan to address any possible spread of the coronavirus.

The Director of Emergency Services, along with other City personnel, will remain in close contact with County and State public health officials as they continue to address the situation and will keep all residents apprised of further developments as they arise. The City Council will be asked to ratify the Proclamation within the next few days.

Residents are encouraged to contact (209) 895-8015 with any questions or concerns or visit our website at <http://www.ci.patterson.ca.us/> for important links.