



PATTERSON COMMUNITY UPDATE

April 6, 2020

Dear Patterson residents,

As your Mayor, I want to let you know that the City is working hard to help prevent the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19). Staff is working long hours reviewing and implementing protocols and best management practices that are changing almost daily. The City of Patterson works under the Stanislaus County's Health Department's Office of Emergency Services. For this reason, you will see many links and directions to access on the County's website. As of April 6th, we have eight (8) COVID-19 positive test in the City of Patterson. We cannot stress enough of the importance of Social Distancing and washing your hands. Below we have categorized the different protocols and statutes we are faced with based on executive orders from the President, State, and the County.

Residents:

Stay at Home Order – N-33-20, Governor Newsom's order for residents to Stay at home or at their place of residence unless they need to the following:

1. Go to the grocery store for needed items.
2. Going to the Pharmacy for medical and general health supplies.
3. You are still allowed to go the post office as long as you are practicing social distancing and avoiding touching any surface as much as practical.
4. Remain indoors as much as possible and try to only leave your home when absolutely necessary. If your home has outdoor spaces, such as patios, porches, yards, etc. you may still access them.
5. After driving to locations such as grocery stores, you should sanitize items such as door handles, steering wheels, your hands, and other surfaces you may have touched.
6. Outdoor activities such as walking, jogging, and exercise, as well as walking your dog, are fine if you practice social distancing (maintaining six feet away from the next person). When outside, try not to touch anything (light signals, poles, signs, playground equipment, benches, etc.) because the Coronavirus can remain on certain surfaces for multiple hours.
7. Try to utilize video chatting apps and software to visit with your friends and family. At this time, it is very important to stay connected to the ones you love while staying at home.
8. Travel to work if their work has been deemed essential as described at the following website. (<https://www.cisa.gov/identifying-critical-infrastructure-during-covid-19>)
9. Travel to the gas station for fuel or going to the Hardware store to pickup essential items that relate to safety and health.
10. If available, use delivery services for groceries, meals, and other items. It is advisable to clean every item's packaging with sanitizing wipes or other 60% alcohol products before putting away or placing on home surfaces.
11. Late last week, the President and the CDC recommended widespread community use of some type of facial covering. The recommendation targets facial covering use as another way to contain virus spread. This is just a recommendation.

Essential Workforce:

These businesses or employee positions are described in detail on the California COVID-19 website: <https://covid19.ca.gov/img/EssentialCriticalInfrastructureWorkers.pdf>.

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| 1. Healthcare/Public Health | 7. Communications and Information Technology |
| 2. Emergency services | |
| 3. Food and Agriculture | 8. Critical Manufacturing |
| 4. Energy related Business | 9. Hazardous Services Employees |
| 5. Water and Wastewater | 10. Financial Services |
| 6. Transportation and Logistics | 11. Chemical Businesses |

City Facilities:

City Hall is currently closed to the public to protect not just the employees, but the public as well. Utility billing payments are currently being accepted by phone, web payments, and there is a drop off box on the front porch at City Hall. For the least exposure, we highly recommend that the phone and web payment options be used. All other appointments and correspondence are by phone calls, conference calls, virtual conference meetings, and email. All Departments are still operation and are responding to calls, form applications, and email.

All Park playground equipment are closed to the public for obvious health reasons. The open space park spaces remain open for taking walks, walking dogs, and other outdoor activities that follows the Social Distancing protocols. Group gatherings and other activities that would cause close contact are strictly not allowed.

The Senior Center is currently closed to the public. It is sparsely staffed for operations and to provide box lunches curbside to our Senior population. For more information on Senior meals, please visit our website at <http://ci.patterson.ca.us/218/Recreation-Community-Services> or call **209-558-8698**.

Important resources:

Stan. Emergency: <http://stanemergency.com/>, <https://www.facebook.com/CAPublicHealth/>

Stanislaus County Health Department: <http://schsa.org/publichealth/pages/corona-virus/>

California State Health Department:
<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/nCOV2019.aspx>

Centers for Disease Control (CDC): <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/summary.html>

Stanislaus County Office of Emergency Services Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/StanEmergency>

Senator Anna Caballero Website: <https://sd12.senate.ca.gov/>

Patterson Unified School District Information: <https://www.patterson.k12.ca.us/>

Informes de CoronaVirus en Español: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/576708719857114/>

Assembly Member Adam Gray: <https://a21.asmdc.org/covid-19>

Representative Josh Harder: <https://harder.house.gov/coronavirus-resources>

The City recognizes that not each of our citizens has someone that can routinely check on them during these difficult times. Residents who wish to receive a Wellness Check are encouraged to call the numbers below:

Community Wellness Check phone line **1-800-582-5586**.

Veteran phone appointments: **209-558-7380**

Business Help:

The following links provide good sources of information for California businesses during this time:

1. Opportunity Stanislaus has created a new website at <https://www.cabizrelief.org/> to provide the latest information related to COVID-19 for businesses in the Central Valley and Sierra Foothills.
2. Official public health information, California Department of Public Health: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/>
3. Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development: <https://business.ca.gov/coronavirus-2019/>
4. Resources for employment and workers, Labor and Workforce Agency: <https://www.labor.ca.gov/coronavirus2019/>

Frequently asked questions:

Exposure FAQ (English | Spanish) [pdf]

English <http://www.schsa.org/PublicHealth/pages/corona-virus/pdf/exposure-faq-en.pdf>

Spanish <http://www.schsa.org/PublicHealth/pages/corona-virus/pdf/exposure-faq-sp.pdf>

Pet FAQ (English | Spanish) [pdf]

English <http://www.schsa.org/PublicHealth/pages/corona-virus/pdf/pet-faq-en.pdf>

Spanish <http://www.schsa.org/PublicHealth/pages/corona-virus/pdf/pet-faq-sp.pdf>

General FAQ (English | Spanish) [pdf]

English <http://www.schsa.org/PublicHealth/pages/corona-virus/pdf/faq-en.pdf>

Spanish <http://www.schsa.org/PublicHealth/pages/corona-virus/pdf/faq-sp.pdf>

For more links and additional information, please visit our website at:

<https://www.ci.patterson.ca.us/818/Coronavirus-COVID-19-Updates>

Sincerely,



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