



National City Closes All City Facilities to the Public in Response to COVID-19 Virus

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In an effort to slow the spread of the COVID-19 (Corona) virus, the City of National City will be closing all city facilities to the public as of as of March 18, 2020. This includes, City Hall, the Police and Fire Departments, Library, Recreation Centers, and the MLK Jr. Community Center. Restrooms in all City parks are closed allowing us to redirect staff resources to cleaning the playground equipment daily. The Senior Nutrition Center will continue to serve grab-and-go meals and their home delivered meal program.

The City Council will conduct a Special Meeting this evening which will include an emergency proclamation. By issuing this proclamation, officials can assure that the City of National City has the tools in place and is ready to take appropriate actions quickly, when needed, to protect the health and safety of the community. The emergency proclamation allows:

- It allows the City to react quickly to developments in this very fast moving situation
- It allows the City to waive competitive bidding requirements to procure supplies and equipment and make other necessary expenditures quickly without going through the usual time-consuming bidding procedures
- It allows the City Manager to exercise emergency powers by issuing orders, directing City personnel, services and equipment, and take additional acts necessary to manage this emergency.

Members of the public are encouraged to watch the live City Council broadcast online at www.nationalcityca.gov rather than in person, if possible. In order to provide an opportunity for public comment on consent agenda items at this meeting, comments may be submitted via email at clerk@nationalcityca.gov. E-mails that are received by 4:30 p.m. will be distributed to the City Council prior to the meeting.

All other city boards and commissions are canceled through April 6, 2020.

The City of National City has been planning its COVID-19 response and is ready to manage essential city services that protect the health and welfare of the community.

Many city services can be accessed online or by phone. The city will have a list of these on a special website set up on Wednesday, March 18, 2020 for the ongoing COVID-19 response.

The City of National City's top priority is the health and safety of our community. Our public safety officials continue to monitor the spread of the new coronavirus that causes COVID-19, coordinating closely with public health experts at the County of San Diego. At this time, residents are urged to stay informed and follow the prevention steps as recommended by the County of San Diego Health & Human Services.

Other guidance and directions issued by the county include:

- Those 65 and older and people with underlying health conditions should stay home and avoid contact with other people.
- Residential care facilities like nursing homes may not allow visitors except in end of life circumstances.
- No events, public or private, will be permitted with over 50 people. Any non-essential gatherings of any size are discouraged.
- All bars, nightclubs, breweries and wineries must close that don't serve food.
- Restaurants may only do delivery and pickup.
- Schools may not hold classes in person.
- Nonessential personnel prohibited from health care and long term care facilities.
- Hospitals and labs shall report all COVID-19 results to county health officer.
- Businesses will implement social distancing, telecommuting and additional cleaning.
- All businesses will suspend policies and procedures requiring a doctor's note for employees to take advantage of sick time.
- Those exhibiting symptoms shall isolate themselves until seeking medical treatment.
- Quarantine orders for all those traveling from COVID-19 impacted countries.

Please check the City of National City's website for regular updates regarding city services at <http://www.nationalcityca.gov/covid19> or visit the County of San Diego's website at <https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/coronavirus> for additional information on the Corona virus. Residents who would like additional information on community resources, can also call 2-1-1 San Diego for more on health, social, and disaster services.