

Subject line: Sacramento County Health Officer Issues COVID-19 Stay at Home Order

March 19, 2020

Dear Rancho Cordova Residents and Businesses,

On March 17, 2020, Sacramento County issued a “stay at home” health directive in response to the coronavirus. Today, the Sacramento County Health Officer has upgraded that directive to a stay at home Public Health Order. A Health Order is issued for extremely serious situations, is mandatory and enforceable by law. This order goes into effect today, March 19, 2020 at 11:59 PM and is in effect until April 7, 2020 at 11:59 PM, unless changed by the Sacramento County Health Officer.

The intent of this Health Order is to ensure that the maximum number of people self-isolate to slow the spread of the coronavirus to the maximum extent possible, while still enabling essential services to continue.

What does this mean for us in Rancho Cordova and for everyone in Sacramento County?

The specifics of the Health Order include:

- All individuals currently living within the County of Sacramento are ordered to stay at home or at their place of residence.
- If you are using shared or outdoor spaces, you must maintain social distancing of six feet from another person.
- People may leave their residences only for essential activities, essential governmental functions, or to operate essential businesses.
- All businesses with a facility in Sacramento County, except essential businesses, are required to cease all activities at facilities located in Sacramento County, except for minimum basic operations. For definitions, please refer to the [Public Health Order](#).
- All public and private gatherings of any number of people occurring outside a household or living unit are prohibited, except for the limited purposes that are expressly permitted.
- All bars, wineries, and brew-pubs should be closed; all restaurant in-dining should cease, with the exception of home delivery and takeout; all gyms, bingo halls and card rooms should close.
- All travel, including travel on foot, bicycle, scooter, motorcycle, automobile or public transit is prohibited, except for essential travel and activities specified.

Essential Activities are defined as:

- Activities or tasks essential to health and safety of you, your family or household members, such as obtaining medical supplies or medication, visiting a healthcare professional, or obtaining supplies needed to work from home.

- Necessary services or supplies for you or your family or household, or to deliver services or supplies to others, such as food, cleaning supplies or other grocery items.
- Outdoor activities such as walking, hiking, biking, running or equestrian, as long as you comply with social distancing requirements.
- Work that provides essential products or services at essential businesses, government and nonprofit organizations.
- Caring for a family member or pet in another household.
- Attending private gatherings of not more than six nonrelatives in a home or place of residents, as long as social distancing is practiced.

Please take the time to read the Health Order announcement in its entirety [here](#).

I urge all of you to comply with the health order to stay home, venture out in public only when it's essential, and if you do venture out, employ social distancing. Staying home and adhering to social distancing is the best way for us to mitigate the spread of coronavirus.

How will City Hall and City Services be affected by this order?

- **Public Services.** Your City Council and city staff are operating with essential services. This means City Hall remains open as an essential service facility but with some modified services. City staff who can work from home are doing so to do their part and those who are at City Hall are adhering to social distancing guidelines.
- **Enforcing the Health Order.** Regarding the fact that a Public Health Order is enforceable by law, our city role in enforcing this Order is first about educating residents and businesses about their responsibility to adhere to the Health Order.
- **Stay Informed.** We will continue to keep our webpage CityofRanchoCordova.org/coronavirus updated with the latest information. We have information for both residents and businesses on this webpage.
- **Take Personal Responsibility.** We all must take personal responsibility to adhere to the stay at home Public Health Order and social distancing guidelines. If each and every one of us does our part, we will make a meaningful difference in mitigating the spread of coronavirus. ***This means saving lives.***

I have said this before: This is not a time for fear or anxiety; this is a time for doing your part and coming together as a community for the greater good. Thank you, Rancho Cordovans, for doing your part during these unprecedented times.

Sincerely,

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