

March 20, 2020

Dear Rancho Cordova Residents and Businesses,

I want to share an important coronavirus update with you.

Late yesterday, Governor Newsom issued a statewide stay-at-home Executive Order. And as you know from a previous update, the Sacramento County Health Officer issued a stay-at-home Public Health Order yesterday, as well.

These Orders are issued for extremely serious situations, and both are mandatory and enforceable by law.

The County Order has gone into effect and is in effect until April 7, 2020 at 11:59 PM, unless the Sacramento County Health Officer changes it. The Governor's Order is currently in effect as well but has no end date.

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

The number of coronavirus cases is on the rise, and the intent of these Orders is to ensure that the maximum number of people self-isolate to slow the spread of the coronavirus, while still enabling essential services to continue. For us to mitigate the spread of coronavirus, each one of us has a responsibility to follow these important Orders – *it can save lives*.

This is not a time for fear or panic; this is a time for doing your part and coming together as a community for the greater good.

Yesterday, I outlined [here](#) what the County Health Order requires. Since then, we have been receiving a number of calls from businesses trying to determine if they are an essential business, as defined by the County. I recommend that you:

- Read the [County's Health Order](#) and the County's [Frequently Asked Questions](#).
- Make a determination, based on your business' operations and the County's guidelines, whether you're providing essential products or services.
- Note that all businesses are allowed to operate at "Minimum Basic Operations" with social distancing.
- Contact our Economic Development team at EconDev@cityofranhocordova.org or the County at 916.875.2002 if you have questions.

How is the [Governor's Executive Order](#) different from the County's Order? Mainly, it has no end date, and it specifies two additional types of businesses beyond the County's list that are required to close: entertainment venues and convention centers. The Governor's Office launched a coronavirus website at COVID19.CA.GOV, and the Governor's Order can be found

there along with resources available to Californians impacted by the outbreak, including how to apply for unemployment benefits, disability benefits and paid family leave.

You might be wondering how the County Health Order and Governor's Executive Order will affect City Services?

- City Hall remains open to business as an essential service facility but with some modified services to limit person-to-person interaction, noted [here on our website](#). Please know that city staff who can work from home are doing their part, and those who must be at City Hall are adhering to social distancing guidelines.
- Regarding enforcing these Orders, right now, our role is first about educating residents and businesses about their responsibility to adhere to the law.
- We will continue to keep our webpage, CityofRanchoCordova.org/coronavirus, updated with the latest information for both residents and businesses.

I urge all of you to comply with these stay-at-home Orders, 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.

We all must take personal responsibility to adhere to these stay-at-home Orders and to adhere to 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.***

Let's work together to prevent the spread of coronavirus.

Sincerely,

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