

COVID-19/Coronavirus Update

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Dear Rancho Cordova Residents and Businesses,

I hope you are staying healthy during this crisis, staying at home as much as possible, and employing social distancing when you cannot. These efforts will make a difference in our ability to keep people healthy, and it will save lives. Please watch [this video](#), which explains why social distancing is so important.

In this update, I want to provide you with a summary of services and programs that are designed to support you during this critical time. Please note that all of this information can be found at the city's coronavirus webpage at CityofRanchoCordova.org/Coronavirus.

- **Temporary Moratorium on the Evictions of Residential and Commercial Tenants:** Today, the City Council voted in favor of halting evictions for residential and commercial tenants affected by the COVID-19 crisis. Learn about the residential urgency ordinance [here](#) and commercial urgency ordinance [here](#).
- **Community Resources.** Our community and partner organizations are working hard to provide key services, such as:
 - [Free breakfasts and lunches for students](#)
 - [Food for families in need from food pantries](#)
- **Open for Business.** During this time, it's important that we support our local businesses. Here is a list of who is [open](#).
- **Activities for Families.** We have heard from families adhering to stay-at-home orders that they would like ideas for activities. We've compiled some fun ones [here](#).
- **Public Parks.** [Cordova Recreation & Park District](#) parks are open, but playgrounds and restrooms are closed. Learn how you can take classes via the [Virtual Recreation Center](#).
- **Public Libraries.** Library locations are closed, but you can continue to use [digital services](#).
- **Donations for First Responders:** Donations of unused and unopened medical items will be accepted at 9680 Conservation Road, from 9 AM – 12 PM Monday through Friday.
- **Expanded COVID-19 Testing.** Expanded testing is now available initially for first responders, healthcare workers and the most vulnerable, via the County's drive-through COVID-19 testing. Learn more [here](#).
- **SacRT Reducing Service.** SacRT is temporarily reducing service. Information can be found [here](#).
- **From the Governor.** This week, the Governor announced a number of initiatives designed to support Californians as a result of the stay-at-home order:
 - [Financial Relief Package for Homeowners](#)
 - [\\$150 Million to Help Protect Homeless Californians from COVID-19](#)
 - [Statewide Moratorium on Evictions for Renters Affected by COVID-19](#)
- **Beware of Scams.** The California Attorney General issued a consumer alert regarding false advertising and price gouging. Complaints of price gouging can be made [here](#).

I know this is an unprecedented time, but we are inspired by the many actions of our community coming together, and we are sharing these stories on social media. For example, one Rancho Cordova doctor is sewing and donating surgical masks and encouraging others to do so. And, two of our city's distilleries are halting their regular business operations to produce much-needed hand sanitizer. I ask you to share your inspiring stories with us too, using the hashtag #RanchoCordovaInspires.

One last note: The World Health Organization is encouraging everyone to "Do the Five." These 5 simple reminders can help us mitigate the spread of coronavirus:

- 1. HANDS Wash them often**
- 2. ELBOW Cough into it**
- 3. FACE Don't touch it**
- 4. SPACE Keep a safe distance**
- 5. HOME Stay if you can**

We will continue to update you as new information becomes available. In the meantime, I ask that you share this information widely with others who may not have signed up for the city's newsletters and are not following us on social media.

My best wishes for your health.

Sincerely,

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