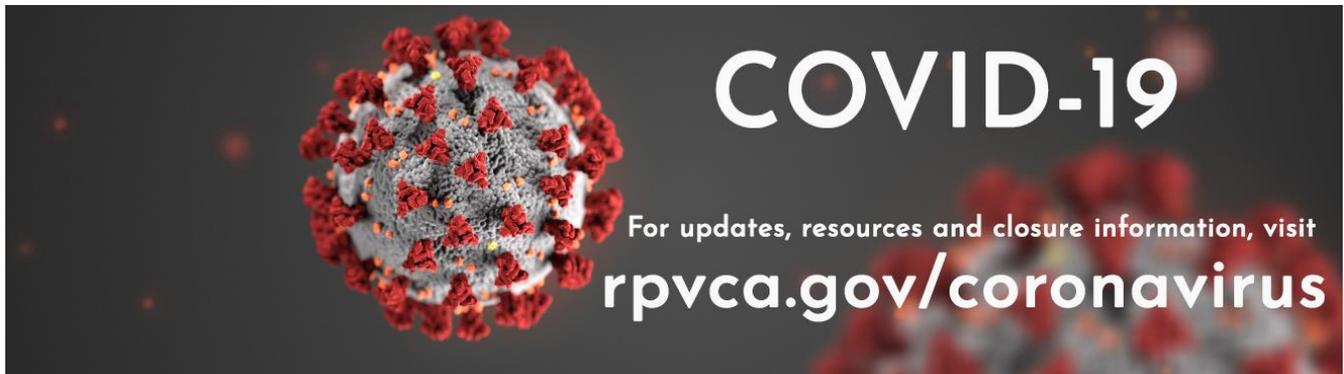


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City of Rancho Palos Verdes Announces Coronavirus-related Closures



Rancho Palos Verdes (March 13, 2020) – The City of Rancho Palos Verdes is closely monitoring the developing public health situation as it relates to novel coronavirus (COVID-19) and is working closely with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health and our local Disaster Management Area Coordinator. To help slow the spread of coronavirus in Los Angeles County, the City today announced the following closures and preventative measures out of an abundance of caution and in the interest of the health and well-being of the public, particularly older adults and those vulnerable to COVID-19:

Effective **Saturday, March 14** through at least the remainder of March:

- **All City park buildings will be closed to the public.** This includes Fred Hesse, Jr. Community Park, the Point Vicente Interpretive Center, the Ladera Linda Community Center, Robert E. Ryan Community Park and Eastview Park. Park grounds, park restrooms, the Abalone Cove Park parking lot and the Palos Verdes Nature Preserve will remain open (though the Preserve is subject to closure due to rain). Please note that the Hesse Park Building will be open only for the March 17 City Council meeting and social distancing and hand-sanitizing measures will be implemented.
- **All recreational activities, classes and events at City-operated facilities will be canceled.** Please note that at this time, the City's annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 11, the Whale of a Day Celebration on April 18, and other events scheduled in April have not been canceled. If the status of these events changes, the City will notify the public as soon as possible.

The City is also implementing the following preventative measures in response to COVID-19:

- Installing exterior hand-sanitizing stations at all City facilities, including parks, and requesting visitors sanitize prior to entering buildings

- Increasing the frequency and depth of cleaning of restrooms at all City facilities
- Suspending all City-related travel
- Implementing social distancing measures at the March 17 City Council meeting

These measures will be in place on a week-to-week basis, and will adjust accordingly.

A webpage with coronavirus updates, resources and information has been added to the City website at rpvca.gov/coronavirus.

At this time, City Hall remains open to the public during normal hours. If this changes, the City will notify the public as soon as possible.

The City reminds all residents that closures and cancellations announced by the City and other institutions are being implemented because public health officials advise that **social distancing is the best and most effective tool to slow the spread of coronavirus. The immediate risk to the general public continues to be considered low at this time.**

We remind residents to take the following steps to protect themselves and others from respiratory illness:

- **Please stay home when ill, except to seek medical care.**
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash. If you do not have a tissue, use your sleeve (not your hands).
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unclean hands.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Avoid non-essential travel, public gatherings, and places where large groups of people congregate.
- Inform your supervisor if you have traveled or plan to travel to areas with heightened levels of exposure.
- Follow all social distancing recommendations issued by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, and consider conducting meetings remotely by phone or video conference.

Always check with trusted sources for the latest accurate information about coronavirus:

- **Los Angeles County Department of Public Health:** publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus
- **California Department of Public Health:** cdph.ca.gov/covid19
- **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC):** cdc.gov/COVID19
- **World Health Organization:** who.int/coronavirus
- LA County residents can also call 2-1-1

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