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Rancho Palos Verdes City Council Proclaims Local Emergency in Response to COVID-19

Rancho Palos Verdes (March 17, 2020) – The Rancho Palos Verdes City Council tonight proclaimed a local emergency in response to the spread of COVID-19, bolstering the City’s ability to respond to the outbreak.

The proclamation gives the City additional powers to coordinate local efforts and procure resources needed to effectively address the emergency. Over the weekend, the City activated its Emergency Operations Center at Level 3, the lowest level of activation, in order to maintain continuous communication with government agencies, the City Council, and the community.

The text of the proclamation is available on the City website at bit.ly/2IRjDqU

Tonight’s action comes after the County of Los Angeles issued an order calling for the closure of all clubs, theaters, entertainment centers, and fitness centers; permitting restaurants to serve takeout or delivery food only; and prohibiting gatherings of 50 or more people.

It also comes as the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health has confirmed 144 cases of COVID-19 across the county to date. The City urges residents to follow all social distancing guidelines, including Governor Newsom’s recommendation for persons age 65 and older and those with chronic illnesses to practice home isolation.

For at least the remainder of March, City Hall and park buildings are closed to the public, and all recreational activities, classes and events at City facilities have been canceled. Board, committee and commission meetings in March have also been canceled, and tonight’s regular City Council meeting is to be held via teleconference, with social distancing measures in place and the public encouraged to make comments by email.

Also during this time, the City will primarily be providing essential city services that are necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of our community and City employees. To facilitate these measures, all non-essential staff will be working remotely. Inquiries will be reviewed daily and will be responded to on a case-by-case basis.

The City encourages residents to check rpvca.gov/coronavirus for updates, resources and local closure information.

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