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TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Edward C. Starr, City Manager

SUBJECT: CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT: March 9 – 12, 2020

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

Today, the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors announced that, in an
effort to protect the public from any possible spread of the COVID-19 virus, the
County's Public Health Officer has ordered the immediate cancellation or
postponement of gatherings of more than 250 people within the county until further
notice. The order stems from a similar order made earlier in the day by Governor
Newsom.

The order applies to, but is not limited to, concerts, conferences, and professional, college, and school sporting events, and is in line with guidance issued today by the California Department of Public Health.

Smaller gatherings should refer to guidance from the California Department of Public Health, which can be found here.

The County Public Health Officer's order does not apply to activities such as attendance at regular school classes, work, or essential services. Nor does the order apply to essential public transportation, airport travel, or shopping at a store or mall. The order also does not apply to congregate living situations, including dormitories and homeless encampments.

Although there are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 within San Bernardino County, numerous cases have been confirmed in neighboring counties. Large gatherings that attract travelers and other people who don't routinely congregate with each other increase the risk of COVID-19 appearing within San Bernardino County.

People experiencing symptoms of contagious illness should seek medical guidance, not attend work or school, and avoid contact with other people.

On Tuesday, the County Public Health Officer and the Board of Supervisors declared a local health emergency to help ensure county government and the public are prepared for the possibility that COVID-19 will appear within the county. The County Department of Public Health activated its Department Operations Center on February 13, 2020.

County Public Health continues to work with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the California Department of Public Health to respond to reports of COVID-19. Although Governor Newsom declared a State of Emergency to help the state prepare for broader spread of COVID-19, the health risk from COVID-19 to the general public in San Bernardino County remains low at this time.

As with any virus, especially during the cold and flu season, there are a number of steps you can take to protect your health and those around you:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Wash hands with soap and warm water for 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth, especially with unwashed hands.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using regular household cleaning spray or wipes.
- If someone does become sick with respiratory symptoms like fever and cough, they should stay away from work, school or other people to avoid spreading illness and seek assistance from their healthcare provider if symptoms become severe.
- N95 facemasks are not recommended outside a healthcare setting. Surgical masks can be worn by sick individuals to reduce the likelihood of spreading germs to others.
- For more information on COVID-19, please call (800) 722-4794 or visit the County Public Health COVID-19 webpage at http://wp.sbcounty.gov/dph/coronavirus/.
- Today, the City launched its City of Montclair Homepage information page on the
 novel coronavirus. The page, printed below, will be updated as required to reflect
 the most current information available to the public and employees. Readers will
 note that under the section titled "How Montclair is Preparing", certain actions are
 being taken that comply with orders of the Governor, directives/recommendations
 of the Center for Disease Control (CDC), and the intent of the City Council to keep

Montclair a "healthy zone" free of the COVID-19 virus. For access to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) page, go to this link.

The Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Learn about the 2019 novel coronavirus and find out how to protect yourself, what to do if you're sick, particularly after you travel and how to recognize possible symptoms. This webpage will be updated at least weekly with the latest information regarding the COVID-19.

Contact the <u>San Bernardino County Department of Public Health</u> 800.782.4264 | TDD 909.387.4859 or your doctor, local health clinic or urgent care center if you suspect you have, or are experiencing symptoms of, the 2019 novel coronavirus.

Do not call 911 unless it is an emergency.

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Status of cases in Montclair

This web page will be updated with the most up-to-date information on the status of cases in Montclair as that information is available.

The symptoms of the 2019 novel coronavirus, which can include fever and cough, are similar to other respiratory infections, including influenza. As a result, individuals who may simply have the flu should ask to be tested out of an abundance of caution. However, please keep in mind that presently the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) is struggling to make testing kits available to health officials across the nation. Nonetheless, ask your doctor or other health official to refer you to a private lab or other source for testing.

Reported COVID-19 Cases in Montclair

Known or Suspected cases	0 known
Cases currently under investigation	0 known
Confirmed positive for COVID-19	0 known
Resolved Cases	0 known
Patients approved for COVID-19 testing	0 known

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The 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19)

Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses that can cause illnesses ranging from the common cold to more serious respiratory infections like bronchitis, pneumonia or severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS).

Coronaviruses are spread mainly from person to person through close contact, for example, in a household, workplace or health care center.

Some human coronaviruses spread easily between people, while others do not.

Your risk of severe disease may be higher if you have a weakened immune system. This may be the case for:

- People 60-years of age and older
- people with chronic disease (for example, diabetes, cancer, heart, renal or chronic lung disease)

The 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) causes a respiratory infection that originated in Wuhan, China.

The first presumptive case of this infection in the United States was identified in January 2020.

Current affected areas

The following geographic areas are identified as affected areas:

- China (mainland)
- Hong Kong
- o Iran
- Italy
- Japan
- Singapore
- South Korea

For current advisories on affected areas and the number of affected cases and reported deaths worldwide, go to the following World Health Organization (WHO) site map:



World Health Organization site map of affected areas worldwide, including confirmed cases and reported deaths

Travelers returning from affected areas and traveler information

Travelers who have returned from any of the "current affected areas" are advised to immediately contact the <u>San Bernardino County Department of Public Health</u> 800.782.4264 | TDD 909.387.4859 or your doctor, local health clinic or urgent care center if you suspect you have, or are experiencing symptoms of, the 2019 novel coronavirus.

If you have or suspect you have the novel coronavirus, you should self-isolate and:

- Contact the <u>San Bernardino County Department of Public Health</u> 800.782.4264
 | TDD 909.387.4859 or your doctor, local health clinic or urgent care center within 24 hours of your return to Montclair.
- Stay at home and avoid close contact with others, including those in your home, for a total of 14 days from the date you returned from travel.

Learn about travel advisories related to the 2019 novel coronavirus by going to the U.S. Department of State Travel Advisories-Bureau of Consular Affairs web page.

Laboratory testing

Testing protocols are being developed by the CDC for use by private labs and other approved testing facilities. Go to CDC Testing for the latest information on testing procedures and when testing kits will be available locally.

How Montclair is preparing

Montclair is working with its partners in the health care system to ensure Montclair residents have access to a robust plan to monitor for, detect and, if needed, isolate any cases of the 2019 novel coronavirus. The CDC is taking steps to ensure the health and safety of U.S. citizens. These steps include the following:

- o monitor hospitals for potential cases of the COVID-19 virus
- work with the <u>San Bernardino County Department of Public Health</u> to ensure services are available to Montclair residents who may have contracted COVID-19, and ensure access to regional health care services provided through Arrowhead Regional Medical Center
- ensure that Montclair's emergency service providers, including police, fire, and emergency medical paramedics have the capacity to respond to calls for service and direct patients with COVID-19 to the proper medical health agencies
- provide specialized training to public safety personnel to ensure proper response to COVID-19 related service calls
- work with federal, state and local health agencies to ensure Montclair residents have access to COVID-19 test kits when available
- the CDC is currently covering the costs for testing, and many health insurance companies are waiving copays associated with taking the test; however, the public should recognize that if they go to emergency rooms to get diagnostic testing, they are likely to suffer significant costs
- o the focus is currently on sending test kits to hospitals requesting them, with priority to areas hit hard by the virus
- the goal is to make test kits available to the public at pharmacies
- patients should check with their doctor to see if testing is available in the clinic or hospital format
- o test kits have been corrected to improve accuracy
- if you are experiencing a cough, shortness of breath, trouble breathing, and a fever you should check with a doctor to see if a test is warranted
- train personnel at the Montclair Medical Clinic to recognize symptoms related to COVID-19
- work with federal, state and county partners to properly plan and train for responses to any emergency or outbreak related to COVID-19
- regularly meet with hospitals, City paramedics and local public health centers to obtain the latest information related to the COVID-19 virus

- regularly meet with the Ontario-Montclair Schools District (OMSD) and Chaffey Joint Union High School District (Montclair High School) officials to ensure the health and safety of the community's youth, and to discuss any need or requirement to close schools or classes
- the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools, in cooperation with the State Department of Public Health, has released the following guidelines to school districts:
 - Large gatherings that include 250 people or more should be postponed or canceled. This includes gatherings such as concerts, conferences, and professional, college, and school sporting events
 - Smaller gatherings held in venues that do not allow social distancing of six feet per person should be postponed or canceled. This includes gatherings in crowded auditoriums, rooms or other venues
 - ➤ Gatherings of individuals who are at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19 should be limited to no more than 10 people, including gatherings such as those at retirement facilities, assisted living facilities, developmental homes, and support groups for people with health conditions
 - ➤ a "gathering" is any event or convening that brings together people in a single room or single space at the same time, such as an auditorium, stadium, arena, large conference room, meeting hall, cafeteria, or any other indoor or outdoor space
 - ➤ all extra-curricular and co-curricular activities for all OMSD schools are cancelled for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year, including the cancelling of upcoming activities/events such as:
 - ✓ After school sports and activities
 - ✓ District-wide academic and athletic competitions
 - ✓ Recognition/Awards Events at the site and district level
 - ✓ Open House at all school sites
 - ✓ Elementary Parent Conferences (the week of March)
 - √ The upcoming Sacramento Field Trip for 8th graders
 - ✓ Saturday School
 - ✓ In District and out of District field trips
- meet with businesses, such as Costco and Montclair Place, to determine means to prevent or curb panic shopping
- consider cancelling large public gatherings
- o under Executive Order from Governor Newsom, Policy Directive of the State Department of Public Health, and order of the San Bernardino County Department of Public Health the following Montclair events are presently cancelled or modified for 2020 as follows:

- summer Country Fair Jamboree
- > annual Health Fair
- annual Easter Eggstravaganza
- annual Lights on After School event
- annual State of the City presentation
- monthly senior citizen lunch party
- annual Community Prayer Luncheon
- senior citizen programs and activities
- other events as determined necessary
- > transition of the Senior Nutrition Meal Program to a lunch box pickup service
- closure of City-operated gyms at the Human Services and Police Buildings
- suspension of City-sponsored body contact sports and other events
- suspension of rental of City facilities for large events
- o consider restrictions on employee travel to conferences and seminars
- o consider implementation of telecommuting protocols for City employees
- disinfect all U.S. coinage and paper money processed by the City
- on a regular basis to keep the public informed about the COVID-19 and calm and reduce panic
- train City-personnel on how to deal with citizen concerns related to the COVID-19 virus

Symptoms and treatment

Symptoms range from mild—like the flu and other common respiratory infection—to severe, and can include:

- o fever
- o cough
- difficulty breathing
- Visit the CDC for additional information about COVID-19 symptoms

Complications from the 2019 novel coronavirus can include serious conditions, like pneumonia or kidney failure, and in some cases, death.

There are no specific treatments for coronaviruses, and there is no vaccine that protects against coronaviruses. Most people with common human coronavirus illnesses will recover on their own.

You should:

- drink plenty of fluids
- get rest and sleep as much as possible
- o try a humidifier or a hot shower to help with a sore throat or cough

If you need immediate medical attention you should call 911 and mention your travel history and symptoms, or contact the <u>San Bernardino County Department of Public Health</u> 800.782.4264 | TDD 909.387.4859 or your doctor, local health clinic or urgent care center.

How to protect yourself

Coronaviruses are spread mainly from person to person through close contact, for example, in a household, workplace or health care center.

There is no vaccine available to protect against the 2019 novel coronavirus.

There are everyday actions that can help prevent the spread of germs that cause respiratory illnesses. Take these everyday steps to reduce exposure to the virus and protect your health:

- wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or use minimum 60% alcohol-based hand sanitizer
- o watch these CDC videos on how to properly wash your hands
- sneeze and cough into your sleeve, elbow or tissue and discard immediately and wash your hands immediately after
- avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth
- avoid contact with people who are sick
- stay home if you are sick
- wear a facemask if you are sick
- clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces a new study says the COVID-10 virus can remain in the air for 3 hours and on plastic surfaces for several days
- visit the CDC for additional prevention measures
- visit the <u>CDC</u> for information on how to prevent the community spread of <u>COVID-19</u>
- visit the CDC for information on what you should know about the COVID-19

If you are travelling to an area known to have cases of coronavirus, be sure to avoid:

- high-risk areas such as farms, live animal markets and areas where animals may be slaughtered
- contact with animals (alive or dead), including pigs, chickens, ducks and wild birds
- surfaces with animal droppings or secretions on them

Frequently asked Questions

The CDC has prepared responses to <u>Frequently Asked Questions</u> regarding the novel coronavirus.

Information on the 2019 novel coronavirus for health care professionals

If you are a health care professional, learn how to protect yourself and your patients by reading <u>CDC Health Care Professional Guidance Documents</u>.

Resources for the 2019 novel coronavirus (hyperlinks)

Coronavirus special reports

Information about COVID-19 in the United States

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov

Coronavirus advisory information

World Health Organization advise for the public

WHO.int/emergencies

World Health Organization Q & A

WHO.int/news-room

Coronavirus condition overview

World Health Organization Coronavirus

WHO.int/health-topics



World Health Organization site map of affected areas worldwide, including confirmed cases and reported deaths

Novel Coronavirus Special Report | Montclair, CA www.cityofmontclair.org > residents > novel-coronavirus-special-report

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

 Last Thursday, Senior Management Analyst Mikey Fuentes and Economic Development Coordinator/Housing Associate Thailin Martin attended a Randall Lewis Seminar Series: A Conversation with Greg Devereaux at the University of California Inland Center for Sustainable Development in Riverside. The event topics included housing and development issues.

Mr. Devereaux has served in state and local government for 40 years, holding various administrative leadership positions in several California communities. He formerly served as the San Bernardino County Chief Executive Officer, former City of Fontana City Manager, and former City of Ontario City Manager. He has been invested in bettering communities throughout his career.

During his presentation, Mr. Devereaux talked more in depth on his personal and professional experiences and the region's progress in regards to housing and development over the years. Mr. Devereaux also emphasized the importance of sustainability, technology, and innovation as key components in addressing housing and development challenges.



HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

 The 2020 Montclair Youth Basketball League winter season came to an end on February 29 with a series of great games. On Saturday, March 21 the top-two teams from Division A, B, and C will complete in the Inland Southern Municipal Athletic Federation Tournament.

Games will be played in various locations throughout the region. Division-A games will be played in the City of Colton, Division-B games in the City of Rancho Cucamonga, and Division-C games in the City of Norco. For further information please contact Senior Recreation Supervisor, Fernando Saltos at fsaltos@cityofmontclair.org.

We wish our teams the best of luck and give a special thanks to our volunteer coaches for dedicating countless hours to our community.

Let's go Montclair!

FIRE DEPARTMENT

• The Montclair Fire Department conducted crew training on truck company operations with Medic Truck 151 at Chino Valley Fire District Training Tower.



Captain Jackson, FF/PM Plant & Engineer Baeza preparing to ventilate the roof.

FF/PM Plant exiting the roof down the aerial ladder. →





The month of MARCH **Event & Location** Day **Time** Mon. Real Estate Committee Meeting – Cancelled 16 Mon. **Code Enforcement Committee Meeting** – <u>Cancelled</u> 16 Mon. **City Council Meeting** 7:00 p.m. 16 Council Chambers Thurs. **Public Works Committee Meeting** 4:00 p.m. 19 City Manager's Conference Room Mon. **Planning Commission Meeting** 7:00 p.m. 23 Council Chambers **Council & Planning Commission Workshop** Mon. Council Chambers 6:00 p.m. 30

SB 743 – CEQA Analysis of Transportation Impacts



GOOD LUCK MONTCLAIR!













