



Press Release

City of Artesia, California

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City of Artesia to Implement Changes to Operations as a Precautionary Response

March 19, 2020 – The State of California and the County of Los Angeles each issued “Safer at Home Orders for the Control of COVID-19” by their respective Health Officers this evening. The Orders take effect at 11:59 p.m. on March 19, 2020 and will continue in effect until at least April 19, 2020. The Orders amend the Health Orders issued earlier this week to further restrict and limit the gathering of persons in an effort to stem or slow the spread of COVID-19. The Order is summarized below, [click here](#) for the full text of the County Order and [here](#) for the full text of the State Order.

The Orders issued today by the State and County:

1. Continue the Orders from March 16, 2020 that
 - a. All public and private group events and gatherings of 10 or more people are prohibited.
 - b. For public and private gatherings of two to nine (2-9) people, social distancing measures must be enforced along with signage and handwashing/sanitizing requirements must be met.
 - c. All in-restaurant dining is closed and restaurants may only provide take-out and delivery services;
 - d. All entertainment businesses are closed; and
 - e. All bars are closed.
2. Call for the immediate closure of:
 - a. Non-essential retail businesses;
 - b. Malls along with all stores in malls unless they are essential business AND have an entrance exterior to the mall;
 - c. Stores which provide essential services may remain open but must comply with social distancing requirements; and
 - d. Indoor and outdoor playgrounds for children, except those located within childcare centers.
3. Gives a 24-hour grace period for employees and owners of businesses to access their workplace to gather belongs so long as they practice social distancing. These businesses shall remain closed to the public during this time.
4. A full list of essential businesses which are exempt can be found in the Orders, a few key businesses include:
 - a. Grocery stores including stores that sell products in addition to non-grocery items;
 - b. Food cultivation, including farming, livestock, and fishing;
 - c. Businesses that provide food, shelter, and social services for economically disadvantaged individuals;
 - d. Gas stations and automotive services;
 - e. Banks;
 - f. Hardware stores, nurseries and building supplies;
 - g. Plumbing, electricians, custodial, and other trade services;
 - h. Providers which maintain the safety, sanitation, and essential operation to properties and other essential businesses;

- i. Mail and shipping services;
 - j. K-12 schools, colleges, universities provided they can meet social distancing requirements;
 - k. Laundromats and personal grooming services;
 - l. Businesses which provide office supplies and support services;
 - m. Transportation services;
 - n. Home-based care for seniors, adults, disabled, or children; and
 - o. Childcare facilities
5. The Orders do not apply to:
- a. Emergency Services
 - b. Healthcare operations
 - c. Essential infrastructure including public works, public health, construction, utilities, airports, ports, public transportation, solid waste collection.

In compliance with these Orders, and to protect the public and reduce the spread of COVID-19, the City is amending the previously issued operational changes which were originally put in place on March 17, 2020 following careful deliberation by the City Council at a special meeting held on March 16, 2020. The operational changes are as follows:

City Facilities:

- All City facilities are closed and the City is adopting a remote work posture which will take effect as soon as practicable until April 19, 2020, or further notice. City operations which can be conducted online and by email will continue during this time period. Visit www.cityofartesia.us for details and contact information.
- Playgrounds at all City Parks are closed for public use.
- City parks will remain available for passive public use and their maintenance and upkeep will continue.
- City Staff will use this period of time to increase cleaning and sanitizing facilities to protect the public and staff.

City Services:

- All services requiring in-person visits or public counter assistance will be suspended or made available by phone, online or through email. Please visit the website at www.cityofartesia.us for details on specific services.
- The Dial-A-Ride Transportation program will remain in operation for eligible residents.
- Regular waste hauling, street sweeping, sidewalk and road repairs, and graffiti removal services will continue as usual. While ticketing for street sweeping will be suspended until April 19, moving of cars as you are able is still encouraged so we can maintain clean streets.

City Events and Recreation Programs:

- All City events and facility uses are cancelled or postponed until further notice. The effected events include:
 - o Senior St. Patrick's day 3/17 - Cancelled
 - o Opening Day 3/21 - Postponed until further notice
 - o Cesar Chavez 3/30 - Cancelled
 - o Senior Easter Lunch 4/8 - Cancelled
 - o Extravaganza 4/11 - Cancelled
 - o Earth Day Park Beautification 4/18 - Postponed until further notice
 - o Bulky Item Clean up 5/2 - Postponed until further notice
 - o Senior Mother's Day Party 5/6 - Cancelled
 - o Prayer Breakfast 5/7 - Cancelled

- Gun Buy-Back event 5/9 – Postponed until further notice
- Graduating Senior Recognition Night 5/14 – Postponed until further notice
- All recreation classes are cancelled until April 19, or until further notice.
- In accordance with regulations put in place by Los Angeles County, all senior programs are cancelled until the April 19, or until further notice. The senior meal program has been modified to move meal pick up service to the Cerritos Senior Center located at 12340 South Street in Cerritos. Participants may also have their meals picked up and delivered through the City’s Dial-A-Ride Program. Please contact (562) 806-5400 ext. 218 to make a reservation.
- All youth and adult sporting activities are suspended until further notice.
- The Homework Help Program for kids and teens will continue at AJ Padelford Park as long as it can be conducted in compliance with current Federal, State, and County issued safety protocols.

City Meetings:

- City Commission Meetings are canceled until the end of April, or until further notice.
- The City Council Meeting scheduled for April 13, 2020 will proceed as long as it can be conducted in compliance with current Federal, State, and County issued safety protocols.
- The City Council Meeting scheduled for May 11, 2020 is under evaluation pending additional information from the State and County Health Departments in coming weeks.

This notice will be updated as new information is available and guidance is issued from the Federal, State and County Agencies.

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Located in southeast Los Angeles County, Artesia is a diverse, vibrant city with nearly 18,000 residents and a dynamic business community. The City of Artesia, a leader in sustainability practices and winner of three Beacon Spotlight awards in 2018 and 2019, is focused on serving the community with sound governance, 21st century infrastructure, and a commitment to public safety. To request services or share a question, visit our [Service Request page](#). To stay updated on our projects and events, visit us at CityofArtesia.us, like us on Facebook and follow us on Instagram @OfficialCityofArtesia, and subscribe to our YouTube channel @CityofArtesia.