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### City of San Dimas Office of the City Manager – Update March 17, 2020

#### ***Updated Information as of March 17, 2020:***

Trash services, provided through Waste Management, are continuing. All non-essential City meetings are cancelled, but the City is moving forward with continuing regular City Council meetings. Social distancing measures will be enforced at these meetings and residents are encouraged to watch the meetings online or on Channel 3 for Frontier and Spectrum subscribers.

*Additionally, the Los Angeles County Health Officer has issued the following:*

The Los Angeles County Health Officer (Health Officer) issued an order to prohibit all indoor and outdoor, public and private events and gatherings within a confined space, where 50 or more members of the public are expected to attend at the same time, to require social distancing measures and temporary closure of certain businesses. The decision for the Order is based on evidence of increasing community transmission requiring the immediate implementation of additional community mitigation efforts for organizations to help reduce the spread of COVID-19 within the county. This Order will remain in effect at least through March 31, 2020.

The Health Officer's Order also requires persons in charge of events and gatherings attended by 10-49 persons to ensure that attendees follow specific social distancing measures, as well as, follow infection control guidelines for the duration of the event and prohibits dining in at restaurants. Restaurants may continue to serve food to customer via delivery, take-out or drive-thru. Furthermore, the Order requires the closing of businesses where it is common for patrons to be in close contact with each other for extended periods of time, such as, movie theaters, gyms and fitness centers, arcades, bowling alleys and bars and nightclubs that do not serve food.

The Health Officer's Order specifically requires that:

- Events and gatherings of 50 members or more are prohibited at least until April 1, 2020.
  - This order applies to conferences, arenas, stadiums, convention centers, and meeting spaces. These are places where persons, often strangers, sit and remain in close proximity of one another for extended periods of time.
- For all public and private events and gatherings of 10-49 persons, the Health Officer requires that event organizers and venue operators to do the following:
  - Enforce social distancing measures by requiring attendees or groups of attendees, such as a group of family members or household contacts, who remain at the event to be separated by a distance of at least six feet during the entirety of the event or gathering.
  - Provide access to hand washing facilities with soap and water or hand sanitizer that contains at least 60 percent alcohol.

- Post a conspicuous sign at the entry of the event or gathering that instructs persons that have symptoms of respiratory illness to not attend.
- Adhere to cleaning and infection control guidance provided by Public Health.
- This Order does not supersede any stricter limitation imposed by a local public entity within the Los Angeles County. Certain activities are essential to the functioning of the County and the well-being of our residents and must continue. This Order does not apply to sites and situations where people obtain essential services and essential goods to meet their basic needs, such as:
  - Regular school classes, work, or essential services locations.
  - Grocery stores or retail stores.
  - Pharmacies.
  - Places of transit, like airports, metro stations, or bus stations.
  - Hospitals or health care facilities.
  - Schools and universities/colleges.
  - Congregate living situations, including dormitories.

Public Health has issued the following guidance during this time of increased spread:

- Avoid non-essential travel, public gatherings, and places where large groups of people congregate.
- Event organizers postpone or cancel non-essential gatherings of 50 or more until at least the end of March.
- Limit gatherings of individuals who are at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19 (people older than 65, pregnant women, and those with chronic illness) to no more than 10 people.
- This guidance does not apply to activities such as attendance at regular school classes, work, or essential services, including public transportation, airport travel or shopping.
- If you are mildly sick with a fever, stay home and call your doctor if you are concerned and/or your symptoms worsen. Individuals who are elderly, have underlying health conditions or pregnant should consider contacting their providers earlier when they are sick.
- Exclude employees and visitors with any fever and/or respiratory infection symptoms and visitors with recent travel to any country or region with significant community transmission (including communities in the US) from all schools, businesses, and gatherings of any size.
- Follow all social distancing recommendations issued by Public Health.

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

- LA County Department of Public Health Order [http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/COVID-19\\_TemporaryProhibitionofGroupEventsandGatheringsandClosureofCertainBusiness\\_HealthOfficerOrder\\_20200316\\_Signed.pdf](http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/COVID-19_TemporaryProhibitionofGroupEventsandGatheringsandClosureofCertainBusiness_HealthOfficerOrder_20200316_Signed.pdf)
- Los Angeles County Department of Public Health <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/>
- California Department of Public Health <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/ncov2019.aspx>
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- World Health Organization <https://www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus>
- LA County residents can also call 2-1-1