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Coronavirus Update

Monterey Park, Calif. – March 2, 2020 - The City of Monterey Park and the Monterey Park Fire Department want to ensure the safety and well-being of all residents. To that end, we feel it is important to educate and inform all residents regarding the current Coronavirus issue. We will be hosting several informational meetings beginning in March. Those meetings will be held on the following dates and locations:

March 5th 6:00-8:00pm – Monterey Park Service Clubhouse (440 S. McPherrin Ave. Monterey Park, CA)

March 7th 1:00-3:00pm – Sierra Vista Park Community Room (311 N. Rural Dr. Monterey Park, CA)

March 11th 6:00-8:00pm – Monterey Highlands Elementary (400 Casuda Cyn Dr. Monterey Park, CA)

March 14th 1:00-3:00pm – George Elder Park Community Room (1950 Wilcox Ave. Monterey Park, CA)

March 24th 6:00-8:00pm – Brightwood Elementary School (1701 Brightwood St. Monterey Park, CA)

The intent of the meetings is to inform residents what they can do to prevent contracting the Coronavirus, what signs and symptoms they should look for and what they should do should they become sick. Present at these meetings will be representatives from Garfield Medical Center and Monterey Park Hospital along with representatives from the Alhambra and Garvey School Districts. Currently, it is the position of the Los Angeles County Public Health Department that the risk of contracting the Coronavirus remains low. This particular virus is not unlike previous flu outbreaks in that the same precautionary measures should be taken. Those include:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Follow CDC's recommendations for using a facemask.
 - CDC does not recommend that people who are well wear a facemask to protect themselves from respiratory diseases, including COVID-19.
 - Facemasks should be used by people who show symptoms of COVID-19 to help prevent the spread of the disease to others. The use of facemasks is also crucial for health workers and people who are taking care of someone in close settings (at home or in a health care facility).

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 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. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty.

Vigilance is the key to avoiding this virus or any other illness. Please log on to the City of Monterey Park website at www.montereypark.ca.gov and click on the Fire Department tab. Then click on Coronavirus Updates for the most current information. One of the best forms to combat this illness is to educate yourself and your family.

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