



# City of Monterey Park News Release

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## Coronavirus/COVID-19 Update: City of Monterey Park Temporarily Suspends Spirit Bus Service

Monterey Park, Calif. - April 7, 2020 - Effective Thursday, April 9, 2020, Monterey Park's [Spirit Bus](#) transportation service will be temporarily suspended until further notice. The City of Monterey Park has been closely monitoring the use of the Spirit Bus fixed route transportation service during the COVID-19 pandemic. Recent reports indicate an 83% decrease in ridership due to school closures and the Safer at Home order. The City commends its residents for abiding by the order to only leave home for essential trips to seek medical care or to obtain vital necessities. Again, the intent of this action is to avoid the spread of COVID-19.

Senior transportation services for essential medical and grocery/pharmacy trips will continue to be offered through [Dial-A-Ride](#) and [Dial-A-Taxi](#) programs. For more information about these programs, please contact [Langley Senior Center](#) at 626-307-1396.

The City continues to follow the lead of the [Los Angeles County Department of Public Health](#) and the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) (CDC) in implementing protocols to protect the health and safety of everyone in public spaces and in providing accurate and timely updates to the community.



Please continue to check the City's website for updates at [www.montereypark.ca.gov/coronavirus](http://www.montereypark.ca.gov/coronavirus).

### Contact the MPK Help Desk

The City will continue to educate the public about preventative measures regarding COVID-19 and provide access to information and resources during this difficult time. The COVID-19 Informational Help Desk hours are 8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. daily (Sunday-Saturday, but closed Easter Sunday) at 626-307-1377 or at [MpkHelpDesk@montereypark.ca.gov](mailto:MpkHelpDesk@montereypark.ca.gov).

**Important:** Please do not call 911 to request testing for COVID-19 and please do not go to an emergency room unless you are seriously ill and require emergency care. If you have respiratory illness and want to know if you should be tested for COVID-19, it is best to call your health care provider or, if you don't have a provider, contact LA County by dialing 211 or visiting [www.211la.org](http://www.211la.org) for help finding a clinician near you.

For updates and information about the current numbers of cases in the United States and in Los Angeles County, the spread of the virus, severity, treatments, precautions, and other important public health information in multiple languages, please visit the following websites:

- CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>.
- Los Angeles County Department of Public Health: <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/>.

For more info from the City of Monterey Park, please visit [www.MontereyPark.ca.gov/Coronavirus](http://www.MontereyPark.ca.gov/Coronavirus).

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