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Coronavirus/COVID-19 Update: The City of Monterey Park Takes Additional Action to Prohibit Group Gatherings at Local Parks and Provides Resource Links for Residents and Businesses

Monterey Park, Calif. - March 25, 2020 - The City of Monterey Park will continue 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.

The "Safer at Home" Order limits the gathering of people and requires the closure of non-essential businesses and uses such as: shopping malls, shopping centers, children's playgrounds, and non-essential retail businesses. The City of Monterey Park's residents and businesses are subject to the State and County Orders. The Order prohibits all indoor and outdoor public and private gatherings and events among persons not in the same household in Los Angeles County.

The City has closed the following areas at all park sites to comply with the order. Park areas closed until further notice include:

- Picnic shelters located at Barnes Park, Highlands Park, George Elder Park, and Garvey Ranch Park.
- All tennis and basketball courts at all park sites.

Again, the intent of this action is to avoid the spread of COVID-19 by having people shelter in place (another way of saying stay home) at their residence, while enabling only essential services to continue. Failure to comply with the provisions of this action constitutes a threat to public health.

Resource links have been added to the City's website for reference and will be updated as additional information becomes available. Please continue to check the City's website for updates at www.montereypark.ca.gov/coronavirus and below are some links already on the webpage:

- [211 L.A. County hotline and website](#) (24 hour health, human and social services.)
- [L.A. County Dept. of Public Health](#) (COVID-19 cases, locations.)
- [L.A Regional Food Bank](#) (Find food, donate & volunteer.)
- [L.A. Small Business Development Center](#) (Guide for small business owners to stay informed, plan, and respond to the impact of COVID-19.)
- [Resource list from L.A. Homeless Services Authority](#) (Basic needs, mainstream benefits, workers, employers, seniors, etc.)
- [Safer at Home Emergency Order FAQ by City of L.A.](#) (Helpful overview of both L.A. County and State emergency orders.)
- School Districts ([Alhambra](#), [Garvey](#), [Los Angeles](#), [Montebello](#).)
- [Southern California Edison & So Cal Gas](#) (Utility payment and financial assistance)
- Support your Local Businesses - Monterey Park Eateries (Open for take-out and delivery service)

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Extended Help Desk Hours

We understand that residents and stakeholders have questions regarding how to continue to conduct business with the City, in light of this action. The City has extended its Help Desk hours to assist with providing answers. A Help Desk has been created to provide continued service during the closure and can be reached during City Hall hours of operation 8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. daily (Sunday-Saturday) at 626-307-1377 or at 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, call 2-1-1 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.

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