



City of Monterey Park News Release

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Coronavirus / COVID-19 Update: City of Monterey Park Facility Closures, Event Cancellations and Changes

Monterey Park, Calif. - March 13, 2020 - The [City of Monterey Park](http://www.MontereyPark.ca.gov) continues to closely monitor developments with the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. On March 11, 2020, the City declared an emergency. Based upon the information that is currently available, the City is closing several public facilities and canceling or postponing several planned events. The City continues to urge the public to be vigilant while avoiding panic.

The City is in communication with the [Los Angeles County Department of Public Health](http://www.montereypark.ca.gov) to ensure that public officials are taking the appropriate action to protect the public against the spread of the coronavirus. Out of an abundance of caution and concern for the public, the City has decided to take certain preventative measures (see below). These precautionary measures go into effect following recent state and county guidelines to cancel non-essential gatherings of more than 250 people, limit gatherings of high risk populations (such as seniors) to no more than 10 people and practice social distancing. There are currently no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the City of Monterey Park.

All other City services will remain the same. The City will continue to assess the situation and may make additional changes as needed. Please continue to check the City's website for updates at www.montereypark.ca.gov. or by calling 626-307-1458.

City closures, cancellations and changes to City services are effective immediately or as listed and will continue to be monitored and re-evaluated until further notice.

City Hall

- Closed to the public beginning March 16, but will remain open to phone and email communication during regular hours of operation and online services will continue to be provided.
- Police Department will remain open.

Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library

- Closed beginning March 14.

Senior Services

[Langley Senior Center](http://www.montereypark.ca.gov) will be closed beginning March 14 to non-essential programs.

- Senior Lunch Program to continue with the following modification:
 - o Boxed lunches will be provided for pick up, please contact Langley Center for more information at 626-307-1395.
- Dial-a-Ride program to continue with the following modification:
 - o Rides will only be provided for essential trips, including medical appointments and grocery store or pharmacy trips

Recreation and Community Services

- Facility reservations, programs and classes are canceled until further notice, for more information please call 626-307-1388.

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Special Events

CANCELLED

- Ground Breaking, Fire Station #2, Saturday, March 14.
- Police Department Citizens' Academy, (In progress).
- Census 101 Informational Session, Bruggemeyer Library, Saturday, March 21.
- Coffee with a Cop, Tuesday, March 24.
- Novel Tea, Bruggemeyer Library, Saturday, March 28.
- Farmers' Market, George Elder Park, Every Thursday.
- Cherry Blossom Festival, Barnes Park, Saturday-Sunday, April 25-26.
- Earth Day Festival, Eco-Summit and Bike Rides, Barnes Park, April 25.

Public Meetings (including City Council Meetings)

All regular meetings are canceled. Please monitor the City's website for any special meetings that may be called. Any such meetings will be conducted in accordance with Section No. 11 of the Governor's Executive Order No. N-25-20 issued on March 12, 2020.

While the City of Monterey Park apologizes for any inconvenience that these actions may cause, the safety of the public is our highest priority.

The City also encourages the public to take proactive steps to help prevent the spread of the coronavirus. As with other respiratory illnesses, there are steps that everyone can take daily to reduce the risk of getting sick or infecting others. The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health recommends:

- Stay home if you are sick; do not wait until you are VERY sick. Remain home until you have spoken with your doctor or health provider.
- 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.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash. If you do not have a tissue, use your sleeve (not your hands). Wash your hands or use alcohol-based hand sanitizer immediately after.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a cleaning spray or wipes that are identified for use against Influenza A&B and coronaviruses.
- If you have not yet done so, get a flu shot to prevent influenza.
- Avoid / stay away from sick people.
- Practice and encourage "social distancing" by maintaining six feet of separation from other people.

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.

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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