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COVID – 19 Update and Related Information Update #3

With the recent introduction and spread of COVID-19 in the United States, the Town of Yucca Valley has been actively monitoring the event and related actions through our partnerships with the California Department of Health, and the San Bernardino County Department of Public Health. Both agencies are working collaboratively with the Center for Disease Control.

“While these are difficult times for all of Yucca Valley and the greater Morongo Basin”, said Mayor Jeff Drozd, “we are confident that our community will pull together, remain strong, and come out of this public health event even stronger as a tight-knit community. It is important for us to follow the guidance of health professionals in our response to this event, and we appreciate the ongoing coordination and support of our partners at the state, county, and local levels.”

Town Offices Open via Telephone, E-mail and by Appointment Only starting March 20, 2020

The San Bernardino County Health Officer has ordered the cancellation of all gatherings based on CDPH’s Gathering Guidance through at least April 6th, and provided other guidance to the public in an effort to protect our population from any possible spread of the virus. Based on the issued guidelines, the Town will close its offices to walk-in traffic through April 6th, and will provide ongoing services through telephone, e-mail and by select appointment only.

Town Activities

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH), the Governor of the State of California, the County Department of Public Health, and the Center for Disease Control have issued guidance related to the planning, delivery and execution of various types of gatherings and events. Based on the issued guidelines, the Town has cancelled non-essential Town programs and events through April 30th, 2020. This will include the following events, programs and activities:

1. First Saturday Senior Center Event
2. Easter Egg Hunt
3. Earth Day
4. Temporary Closure of the Yucca Valley Senior Center
5. Cancellation of rental of Town facilities for all events/programs.
6. Cancellation of all Town sponsored Enrichment Classes

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Town Information

The Town has made it a priority to ensure that information is being shared as it is received, and more importantly, directing individuals to the appropriate source for ongoing information, including the County Department of Health, the State Department of Public Health and the Center for Disease Control. These sites provide the most updated and current information and recommendations related to this event.

Town - <http://www.yucca-valley.org/>
County - <http://wp.sbcounty.gov/dph/coronavirus/>
County Non-Medical Hotline (909) 387-3911 for General Information
State - <https://covid19.ca.gov/>
Federal - <https://www.cdc.gov/>

Best Health Practices Recommendations

As with any virus, especially during the flu season, there are several steps you can take to protect your health and those around you:

- Avoid close contact with those outside of your household (social distancing)
- Wash hands with soap and warm water for 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 eyes, nose or mouth, especially with unwashed hands.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using regular household cleaning spray or wipes.
- If someone does become sick with respiratory symptoms like fever and cough, they should stay away from work, school or other people to avoid spreading illness and contact their healthcare provider if symptoms become severe.
- N95 masks are **not** recommended outside a healthcare setting. Surgical masks can be worn by sick individuals to reduce the likelihood of spreading germs to others.

The public is encouraged to practice common sense and avoid extreme actions such as hoarding, sensationalizing, propagation of false information via social media, and other discourteous and unhelpful behavior.

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