

## CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

March 16, 2020 – 4 p.m.

### CLOSURES/GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO COVID-19

- As of midnight last night, Mayor Garcetti enacted an Executive order calling for the closure of:
  - Bars and nightclubs (bars may sell food for takeout only)
  - Dine-in restaurants (restaurants may sell food for takeout only)
  - Entertainment venues (including but not limited to movie theaters, live-performance venues, bowling alleys, and arcades)
  - Gyms and fitness studios
- Mayor Garcetti announced the establishment of a crisis fund to help mitigate the disruption to the lives of Angelenos most affected by this virus outbreak: <https://mayorsfundla.org/covid19/>
  - Priority areas for COVID-10 Response and Relief Funds:
    - Support for families (childcare, meals, and other community resources)
    - Relief for healthcare workers (childcare, counseling, and other resources for people serving on the frontlines)
    - Equipment for health response (supporting critical resources for hospitals and first responders)
    - Services for our unhoused neighbors (emergency shelters, hygiene stations, etc)
    - Real-time research (investing in research to better understand issues concerning infection, transmission, containment, and mitigation of COVID-19)
- Today President Trump urged people to avoid discretionary travel and limit gatherings to fewer than 10 people.
- Cannot mandate houses of worship to not meet, but strongly urge houses of worship to practice the same precautions that the City and State are calling for
- Governor Newsom strongly urges residents 65 and older to stay at home
- In the City of LA:
  - All public building and facilities are closed to the public until further notice. All recreation and cultural programming at all facilities are canceled. This includes all recreational and cultural activities, indoor and outdoor sports leagues, aquatics classes, instructional courses, and group sessions.
  - EXCEPTION:
    - Access to census stations will be permitted, but there shall be no more than 50 people at a time in the facility. Please urge neighbors to fill out census online at [My2020census.gov](https://my2020census.gov)
    - Outdoor park space and amenities will remain open during regular park hours
    - Restrooms accessible to the outdoors will remain open during regular operating hours
  - Seniors can contact the senior centers they participate at directly or reach the LA City Department of Aging at 213-482-7252 for information about meal services. The Department of Aging is reachable Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm for more information regarding meal services.
  - Mayor Garcetti also called for moratorium on evictions.

### UTILITIES:

- LADWP reminds residents that tap water is safe to drink and that there will be no water/power disconnections through the end of March.
- Verizon/Spectrum not terminating service to any residential or small business customers due to disruptions caused by the coronavirus. They are also waiving late fees that are incurred as a result.
- SoCalGas also suspending service disconnections for the time being.

### PUBLIC SAFETY

- Information from LAPD Operations Valley Bureau:
  - There is no curfew in place and there are no checkpoints established within the city to restrict citizens' movements.

- The LAPD is not deputizing people or contracting with private businesses to provide law enforcement services within the city. We are adequately staffed and not experiencing personnel shortages associated with Coronavirus.
- There has not been a spike in crime. In fact West Valley has been successful in lowering crime related to robbery and burglary over the past few weeks.
- The department is being extremely pro-active in lowering risk factors associated with the spread of infectious disease.

### **LAUSD FAMILY RESOURCE CENTERS**

- Will be open beginning 3/18/20
- Locations where LAUSD kids can still get resources and support during this crisis:
  - Chatsworth HS
  - Hale MS
  - Mulholland MS
  - Porter MS
  - Sutter MS
- Grab N' Go Locations (where LAUSD kids can continue to get free lunches)
  - Columbus MS
  - Patrick Henry MS
  - Kennedy HS
  - Reseda HS

### **MEASURES EVERYONE SHOULD BE UNDERTAKING TO SLOW/CONTAIN VIRUS SPREAD:**

- Stay home when sick.
- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Limit close contact with people who are sick.
- Practice social distancing at a minimum of 6 feet.
- Reach out to neighbors, especially if they are seniors. Call and ask if they need help.
- Make sure we are getting and sharing factual information from reliable sources (CDC, County Department of Public Health)
- Sign up for NotifyLA to receive emergency alerts from the City of Los Angeles (<https://emergency.lacity.org/notifyla>)
- Sign up for CD12 newsletter (cd12.org) and CD12 social media accounts to get any late breaking information and updates (Facebook: Facebook.com/councilmemberjohnlee / IG: @councilmemberjohnlee / Twitter: @CD12LA)