



City of Patterson

March 23, 2020

The City of Patterson (“City”) announced today that it is urging residents to follow Governor Newsom’s order that all County residents “shelter in place” and practice social distancing during the COVID-19 pandemic. On Monday, March 16, 2020, Gov. Newsom directed that all gyms and movie theaters close and that restaurants limit their service to take-out and delivery meals only. This follows a previous directive, in which the Governor also asked that residents age 65 and over and those at higher risk for serious illness stay at home. On Thursday, March 19, 2020, Governor Newsom signed Executive Order N-33-20 to minimize the spread of COVID-19.

<https://covid19.ca.gov/img/Executive-Order-N-33-20.pdf>

The Mayor wants to ensure the public that after creating modified schedules to reduce restrictions, the City is functioning at full capacity and does not expect any interruptions in City utility services. Our utmost concern is the safety and health of our residents. Our goal is to still provide excellent service to our customers under these unprecedented circumstances.

By urging people to “shelter in place,” the City asks that residents stay at home and only leave their homes for grocery shopping, necessary medical appointments, picking up meals at a restaurant, caring for a friend or relative, or traveling for essential job functions. Residents who wish to walk or jog in public places are strongly encouraged to practice social distancing and keep a minimum distance of six feet from each other.

Our City Manager urges residents to use our web services for regular updates and for bill payment online. Although City Hall is temporarily closed, we are still providing telephone and drop off payments and are currently waiving online payment fees.

Local restaurants can still provide take-out food and make deliveries. The City encourages residents to support local businesses as best they can, but requests that residents not gather in groups or use restaurant dining rooms.

These recommendations will reduce the likelihood that individuals will be exposed to COVID-19 at various locations and will thereby slow the spread of COVID-19 in our community. By reducing the spread of COVID-19, this Order will help preserve critical and limited healthcare capacity in the County.

The City will provide regular updates as new information becomes available. Please refer to the City’s website at www.ci.patterson.ca.us for updates.