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CITY MANAGER ISSUES EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION FOR CITY FACILITY CLOSURES AND PROGRAM/EVENT POSTPONEMENT

Pacific Grove, California:

City Manager Ben Harvey issued a local emergency proclamation today in order to limit the advancement of COVID-19. The proclamation will come before the Pacific Grove City Council for ratification at its meeting on Wednesday, March 18, 2020. The emergency proclamation coincides with the State of California's Executive Order N-25-20 to allow for additional resources.

The City's decisions are based on the California Office of Emergency Services guidelines involving maintaining sufficient social distancing (maintaining a six-foot distance from one another); canceling or postponing events of over 250 people; and canceling or postponing programs for high-risk individuals. The Public Works Department has allocated additional resources to the cleaning and sanitizing of City Facilities and will continue to do so.

For additional information and resources on COVID-19, go to www.cdc.gov; www.caloes.ca.gov; www.co.monterey.ca.us and www.cityofpacificgrove.org.

The emergency proclamation temporarily closes several city facilities, community programs and special events from Saturday, March 14, 2020 through at least Monday, April 6, 2020.

Public Meetings

- The March 18, 2020 City Council Meeting will occur as scheduled. The City encourages community members to watch the meeting livestream and e-mail public comments to cityclerk@cityofpacificgrove.org. For those who attend in person, City staff will ensure social distancing requirements are met. Any updates on the City Council Meeting will be posted at www.cityofpacificgrove.org/citycouncil
• City Advisory Boards and Commissions may be cancelled or postponed. For the most up to date information on public meetings, go to: www.cityofpacificgrove.org/boards.

City Hall
• City Hall will remain open during normal business hours with enhanced measures to minimize exposure to staff and the community. Community members are encouraged to utilize the City website, e-mail or phone to conduct business.
  ○ City Manager & City Clerk: (831) 648-3109
  ○ Finance & Administrative Services: (831) 648-3100
  ○ Community Development: (831) 648-3190

Police Department
• The Police Department Lobby will remain open to the public.
• Livescan services and appointments have been canceled.
• Community members are encouraged to call (831) 648-3143 or e-mail pgpdrecords@cityofpacificgrove.org for further information.
• In case of emergency, dial 9-1-1.

Monterey Fire Department
• Fire prevention inspections will continue, with enhanced measures to minimize exposure.
• All public education programs are suspended.
• Contact (831) 646-3906 or go to www.monterey.org/fire for additional information.

Parks & Recreation
• The Pacific Grove Community Center, Youth Center, Little House in Jewell Park and Chautauqua Hall will close to the public Saturday March 14, 2020 through April 6, 2020. All scheduled programs, reservations and user group meetings will be canceled or postponed.
• City Parks will remain open to the public and for reservations of less than 250 individuals until further notice.
• For Recreation programming information please call (831) 648-3134.
• Pacific Grove Golf Links will remain open, call for additional information (831) 648-5775.
• Pacific Grove Pony Baseball & Softball practices and games are canceled through March 31, 2020. For additional information and updates visit www.pgpony.org.
Library
  ● The Library will remain open with reduced hours and implement measures for correct social distancing. All classes and programs will be canceled.
  ● For information on reduced hours go to: [www.pacificgrovelibrary.org](http://www.pacificgrovelibrary.org) or call (831) 648-5760.

Sally Griffin Center & Meals on Wheels
  ● Meals on Wheels is keeping the kitchen operational, continuing home delivered meal programs and providing grab-and-go meals.
  ● Classes and programs are canceled starting Monday, March 16, 2020 through Monday, April 6, 2020.
  ● Food bank distributions will continue on Wednesdays.

Point Pinos Lighthouse
  ● The Lighthouse is closed starting today, March 13, 2020 through Monday, April 6, 2020.

Natural History Museum
  ● The Museum will be closed Saturday, March 14 through Saturday March 28, 2020.
  ● For more information go to: [www.pgmuseum.org](http://www.pgmuseum.org) or call (831) 648-5716.

Special Event Cancellations
  ● Good Old Days (April 4-5)
    ○ Contact the Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce at (831) 373-3304 for additional information.
  ● Volunteer Clean-Up Days & Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
    ○ Contact (831) 648-3123 for additional information.
  ● Big Sur International Marathon & Bay The Bay 3K (April 25-26)
    ○ Contact the Big Sur International Foundation at (831) 625-6226 or visit www.bsim.org for additional information.

We appreciate our community’s understanding and cooperation.