



Update on Coronavirus

We continue to monitor the status of the Novel Coronavirus within our community. Although there are no confirmed cases within the city limits, there are numerous confirmed cases in the County of Riverside. As of March 13, 2020, both the President of the United States and Governor of the State of California issued a state of emergency. Additionally, Riverside County Public Health ordered the closure of all Riverside County schools (including Hemet School District) effective Monday, March 16, 2020 until Friday, April 3, 2020. The Hemet City Council will convene on Monday, March 16, 2020 to discuss next steps.

Hemet is taking several measures to maintain public safety and to abide by State mandates. The Hemet Office of Emergency Services continues to operate closely with Riverside County Public Health to ensure that the proper systems are in place, and the Emergency Services staff has convened calls with the City's senior living facilities to ensure that each facility is employing the proper preventative measures. Included at the end of this document is a list of websites that provide continual updates. We continue to stress the need for the following actions:

1. **Hand Washing:** Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or use hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol and rub hands together until they feel dry.
2. **Cleaning Frequently High-Touch Surfaces:** Use a regular cleaner to frequently wipe down surfaces that are frequently touched.
3. **Social Distancing:** Abide by the CDC's definition of social distancing: avoiding mass gatherings, and maintaining distance (approximately 6 feet) from others when possible.

Information is available at the following sites:

1. Center for Disease Control: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/index.html>
2. Travel advisories: <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices>
3. Governor Newsom's Executive Order: <https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/3.12.20-EO-N-25-20-COVID-19.pdf>
4. Riverside County Public Health: <https://www.rivcoph.org/coronavirus>

Direct questions to Hemet's Emergency Services Coordinator: 951-765-2451.