March 17, 2020

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11:00 A.M. EMERGENCY MEETING

CALL TO ORDER:

ROLL CALL:

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: (Agenda Items Only) The City Council welcomes public input. This time has been set aside for members of the public to address the City Council only on agenda items. Two (2) minutes will be assigned to each speaker.

DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONAL CLOSURE ORDERS AS A RESULT OF CORONA VIRUS (COVID-19) RECOMMENDATION:

Direct staff as appropriate.

ADJOURNMENT
I, John Paul Maier, Chief Deputy City Clerk of the City of Palm Springs, California, hereby certify this Agenda was delivered to each member of the City Council, provided to all parties who have requested such notice, posted at City Hall before 7:30 p.m., on March 16, 2020, and posted on the City’s website as required by established policies and procedures.

John Paul Maier, MMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk

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City Council Emergency Meeting

Meeting Date: 03/17/2020

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

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**Attachments**

COVID-19
COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK
# 2019-nCoV Coronavirus

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<th><strong>Type of Disease</strong></th>
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| **Symptoms**        | Typically causes mild-moderate symptoms, like a cold, but can produce serious pneumonia infections  
• Fever  
• Cough  
• Difficulty Breathing  
• Severe Illness |
| **Spread**          | • Droplets produced by coughing or sneezing  
• Close personal contact  
• Touch an object/surface with the virus and then touching mouth, nose, eyes before washing hands |
| **Incubation Period** | Up to 14 days |
| **Treatment**       | No vaccine/specific treatment. Treatment for symptoms. |
CURRENT GLOBAL CASES (3/17/2020)

- 187,689 confirmed cases
  - 7,494 deaths
  - Fatality rate = 3.99%
- 81,058 in China (43.2%)
  - 3,111 deaths (41.5%)
  - Fatality rate = 3.84%
- 106,631 outside of China (56.8%)
  - 4,383 deaths (58.5%)
  - Fatality rate = 4.11%

Map Source: Johns Hopkins University & Medicine, https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html
CURRENT US CASES (3/16/2020)

- 3,487 confirmed cases
  - 68 deaths
  - Fatality rate = 1.95%
- 708 in Washington
- 669 in New York
- 335 in California
- 15 in Riverside County
- Exceeds number of cases in 20 other states
CALIFORNIA CASES (3/16/2020)

- 335 Positive US-Origin Cases in California
  - 24 from repatriation flights
  - 311 confirmed cases
    - 70 travel-related
    - 68 person-to-person
    - 82 community acquired
    - 91 unknown sources
- 11,700 persons self-monitoring
- 10 deaths reported in California including 2 in Coachella Valley
- 15 Positive Cases in Riverside County of which 13 (87%) are in the Coachella Valley

RIVERSIDE COUNTY HAS COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION OF COVID-19
As of yesterday, Governor reported 392 cases which is an increase of 57 (15%) in one day, demonstrating that the spread of COVID-19 is exponential.

California is reporting 10 deaths, including 2 in the Coachella Valley.

Governor is now recommending that there should be NO group gatherings of ANY size, and that all food service / restaurants should operate as “take-out” and food service deliveries only.
SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN COVID-19 PATIENTS WILL OVERBURDEN THE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

Exponential growth of COVID-19 is demonstrated through rates of confirmed positive tests.
According to reports from China, among the 44,000 cases 15% required hospitalization with 5% ending in critical care;

According to reports from Italy, more than 50% of cases require hospitalization with 10% ending in critical care;

In U.S., at any given time 68% of hospitals are occupied by existing patients, leaving only 32% available for new patients

In Coachella Valley, with only 3 hospitals and 867 beds with 32% available = 277 beds for new patients; if 15% require hospitalization, the Coachella Valley can only have 1,850 cases of COVID-19 before our hospitals are over-filled
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- Particularly important in light of the fact that the City’s Fire Department was required to send 3 of our fire fighters to self-quarantine due to a paramedic response on March 8 to an individual who has since tested positive for COVID-19
- Firefighters will be quarantined until March 22
- Chance exists for additional exposures unless and until protective measures are implemented to reduce the spread of COVID-19
March 16, 2020, Riverside County Public Health Officer issued new Order prohibiting all gatherings within Riverside County with an expected presence of at least 10 individuals taking place between March 16 and April 30 regardless of venue, and implementing minimum social distancing of 6 feet apart.

“This Order does not apply to courts of law, medical providers, public utilities, critical county, city, and special district operations, critical school operations such nutrition programs, continuity of business operations, logistics/distribution centers, congregate living settings, daycare and childcare, shelters, public transportation, airport travel, or necessary shopping at fuel stations, stores or malls. However, these settings are instructed to observe all applicable state and federal guidelines for infection control.” (This likely requires the minimum social distancing of 6 feet apart).