



NEWS RELEASE

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City of Stockton Extending Public Office Closures Until Further Notice *Closures Expanded to Include City Parks*

STOCKTON, Calif. – Following a March 12, 2020, City of Stockton Local Emergency Proclamation, the City of Stockton closed City public offices, counters and locations. Both the State and San Joaquin County have issued Stay at Home Orders that apply to everyone, except essential operations of government, organizations and certain essential business. On Tuesday, March 24, 2020, Stockton City Council adopted a resolution, affirming the State Stay at Home Order, which is in effect until further notice.

City Office Closures

City public offices, counters and locations are now closed to the public until further notice. We are available to serve the community by telephone, email and through online services. Office functions are transitioning to allow for employees to work remotely from home. For a list of telephone numbers, email addresses and website links for City departments, please visit www.stocktonca.gov/updates. Other essential services, such as police, fire, utilities and public works will continue to serve the community.

City Parks Closures

All City parks are now closed to community use until further notice. This closure includes all parks and park activities, such as playgrounds, dog parks, skate parks,

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basketball, futsal, tennis courts, ballfields, sports fields, picnic tables, etc. Restrooms are locked, as paper products, hygiene and cleaning supplies are not available. Members of the community may pass through parks while walking biking or running. Gathering of groups and organized activities are not allowed. When passing through the park, please practice social distancing, which is to maintain at least six feet of distance from those who are not members of the same household.

Stay Healthy – Stay at Home

Practice daily preventative care. Every person has a role to play. Stay at home and take the same precautions you would to avoid the flu, including:

- Wash your hands frequently with water and soap for at least 20 seconds.
- If soap and water are not available, use alcohol-based sanitizer with 60-90% alcohol.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Cover coughs and sneezes, then throw tissues away. If tissue is not available, cough or sneeze into your elbow.
- Avoid close contact with those who are sick with respiratory symptoms like fever and cough.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects.
- Practice healthy habits; get plenty of sleep, be physically active; manage your stress; drink plenty of fluids; and eat nutritious foods.
- If you have not received your annual flu shot, please schedule one with your provider to help protect yourself against the flu.

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- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) does not recommend that people who are well wear a facemask to protect themselves from respiratory diseases, including COVID-19.

Stay Informed

This is a rapidly evolving situation. For information about the City of Stockton, please visit www.stocktonca.gov/updates. Links to important information and resources are available from our webpage, including:

- California Office of the Governor – www.covid19.ca.gov
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention – www.cdc.gov/covid19
- California Department of Public Health – www.cdph.ca.gov/covid19
- San Joaquin County Public Health Services - call 2-1-1 or visit 211sj.org.

Thank you for your patience and understanding, while we all adjust to these changes. For additional information, please call (209) 937-8827.

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