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**City of Santee Declares Local Emergency and EOC Activation Level 3 In Response to COVID-19**

Based on the rapidly evolving challenges to protect public health and safety related to the spread of COVID-19, Santee City Manager Marlene Best, in her capacity as the City's Director of Emergency Services, signed a Proclamation of Local Emergency today. The emergency proclamation will be considered for ratification by the Santee City Council at the regularly scheduled City Council meeting on Wednesday, March 25, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. The proclamation now enables the City to take additional legal, operational, and recovery measures that may be needed to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic that is affecting communities in San Diego County and across the nation. In conjunction, the City of Santee has activated the EOC (Emergency Operations Center) at a level 3 status, which is the lowest level of activation. The declaration of local emergency will not affect the work of Sheriff or Fire personnel, and all essential City services will continue at this time.

The City of Santee has implemented the following actions:

As of March 17, limited access to City Hall and other facilities has been put in place. While essential City services will remain operational, all lobbies will be closed to the public. Some services may be accessed online via the City's webpage, or via phone or email. For general inquiries or to request an appointment for service, please call 619-258-4100 or visit the City's webpage at [cityofsanteeca.gov](http://cityofsanteeca.gov). Please note: All Public Safety functions and Emergency Services (Sheriff & Fire) are fully operational at this time.

All recreation programs and special events have been cancelled or postponed. Staff is in contact with all participants, user groups and organizers.

The Santee Senior Group will discontinue meet ups as a precautionary measure to protect our seniors. Staff has been calling to check in on regular visitors to the senior group.

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Handwashing stations are available at four locations: Walker Preserve, Mast Park West, Park Center Drive cul de sac and Forester Creek. At this time, all public restrooms will also be open during normal park hours. Disinfecting services have been scheduled.

The City of Santee Civic Center (Buildings 7& 8) and the Skate Park will be closed until March 31 and then reassessed at that time.

All park/gazebo rentals are suspended until further notice. If you need to reschedule or cancel a park reservation, please call the Community Services Department at (619) 258-4100 x222.

All sports field use and activities are suspended at this time.

Sportsplex and all sporting events have been cancelled.

The YMCA is currently closed until further notice.

City parks are currently open and signage will be posted to remind users of social distancing. However, this will be re-evaluated daily, as new information becomes available.

The City is currently working on ways to support and mitigate any spread of the coronavirus in Santee. Please take the public health and government orders seriously. We all need to work together to get through this difficult time.

As this situation is rapidly changing, the City of Santee will be making determination of services and taking actions on a case by case basis.

Citizens are encouraged to utilize the City of Santee website for a library of official information from government services, the CDC and other local actions with the Santee community.

[www.CityofSanteeCa.gov](http://www.CityofSanteeCa.gov)

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