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Local Emergency Proclamation

Today, the City of Rolling Hills Estates (City) issued a local emergency proclamation in response to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) public health emergency. The proclamation, signed by City Manager Greg Grammer, will enhance the City's ability to access federal and state funding for COVID-19 responses. The proclamation follows President Trump's national emergency declaration on Friday, March 13, where it was announced that \$50 billion in emergency funding would be made available to assist state and local governments in preventing the spread of and addressing the effects of COVID-19.

The City activated its Emergency Operations Center (EOC) on Monday, March 16, 2020 to allow staff to monitor and respond to this rapidly changing situation. City staff will continue to correspond with public health and safety officials and share important information with the community as it comes available on its website www.RHE.city/COVID19.

"The City issued this proclamation as a necessary step in its efforts to align with federal and state emergency management, to access state and federal resources, and to partner with our neighboring cities on a common cause," said City Manager Grammer. "The City will continue to take proactive steps to protect the health and safety of our community. With that, we continue to urge residents, businesses and visitors to follow the guidance of health, state and federal officials in remaining calm, staying home if you are sick, avoiding non-essential gatherings of 10 or more, and continuing to practice social distancing."

Local emergencies can be declared by the City Manager, with ratification by the City Council within seven days. The local emergency is now in effect and a Resolution ratifying the local state of emergency will be considered by the City Council at its meeting on March 24, 2020.

As a precautionary measure, and in line with other local, state, and federal agencies, the City has closed City Hall offices to the public. However, staff is still available for essential services Monday - Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. by calling 310-377-1577 or by emailing staff from the directory [HERE](#). The public will be notified should these hours and operations change.

As a reminder, in order to reduce the risk of spreading illnesses, it is recommended that each person:

- Stay home if sick or need to care for a sick family member.
- Implement social distancing between six (6) feet per person.
- Cancel/postpone all non-essential events and activities of 10 or more people.
- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Cover mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing using a tissue or sleeve (not hands).
- Clean and disinfect objects and surfaces often.

Residents are encouraged to follow the guidelines of trusted sources such as the Los Angeles County Health Department, the California Department of Public Health, and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

For more information:

Los Angeles County Department of Public Health: <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/coronavirus/>
California Department of Public Health: <https://cdph.ca.gov/>
Center for Disease Control: <http://www.cdc.gov>

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