



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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CITY OF EASTVALE DELCARES A LOCAL EMERGENCY

EASTVALE, CA – At an Emergency City Council Meeting on March 17, 2020, the City Council of the City of Eastvale declared a Local Emergency to increase its efforts to combat and stop the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19). The declaring of a local emergency is not intended to cause a panic in our community. This declaration gives the City Manager, who serves as the City’s Director of Emergency Services, authority to direct City operations and coordinate emergency services and response efforts more timely and effectively.

In a previously announced media release on March 16, 2020, the City, out of an abundance of caution, decided to physically close our doors to City Hall on Monday, March 16, 2020, until further notice. City staff will still be available electronically to provide services to the residents and businesses in the community. The closure is a result of our front counter space not having adequate room to create physical distance.

The health and welfare of the public and our employees is paramount and we want to continue to be an information conduit to our residents and businesses. Please stay connected on our social media platforms.

This declaration of local emergency comes as local, state and federal governments are working in an attempt to control the spread of COVID-19 across the country, in order to reduce the potential of the virus to overwhelm the nation’s healthcare agencies. President Trump declared a National Emergency on March 13, 2020 and Governor Newsom declared a State of Emergency on March 4, 2020. While the Riverside County Health Department has issued several orders regarding public gatherings, which is currently at no more than 10 people. All Corona-Norco Unified public schools have closed for three weeks and plan to reopen on Monday, April 6, 2020. Some schools are providing meals, for more information, please visit <https://www.cnusd.k12.ca.us/>.

The City advises local residents, especially those 65 and older and those with underlying health conditions, to heed the advice issued by Governor Newsom in a further effort to slow the spread of the COVID-19. Governor Newsom recommended that Californians age 65 and older, who are most vulnerable to the virus, must practice home isolation. He also called on everyone to “maximize social distancing” by keeping at least six feet away from another person.

Current circumstances are fluid and dynamic and as a result, the threat could change. We will continue to monitor and evaluate our options as the situation evolves by the hour. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

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