



Official Statement

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OFFICIAL RESPONSE FROM MAYOR GUSTAVO V. CAMACHO REGARDING THE LATEST CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) UPDATE

Yesterday, Tuesday, March 24, The Los Angeles County Public Health Department revealed that a City of Pico Rivera resident had tested positive for COVID-19. This is the first known case in the City of Pico Rivera. It was heartbreaking to hear the news. I offer my thoughts and prayers to this resident, and hope for a speedy recovery. Details about the resident including name, age, and location are confidential to protect the privacy of this resident. This is a stark reminder that no one person or no one City is immune to this virus.

In recent days, the City has made several protective measures to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19 not only to the City population, but to the City's workforce as well.

Beginning last week, City Hall and all City Facilities including the Senior Center and all City Parks were closed to the public and will remain closed until further notice. During the City Council Meeting of Tuesday, March 24, the Park closures were extended to include all walking paths in the parks. This means that all City Parks are now completely closed to the public. The park closures will be enforced by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

Further action that has been taken by the City Council also includes the cancellation of Parks and Recreation programs and several City-Wide Special Events in the coming months, including the Easter Eggstravaganza that was to be held on Saturday, April 4.

These decisions as you might imagine were not easy ones, but it was necessary to protect the health and wellbeing of our City residents.

Our residents can also do their part in protecting themselves and others from COVID-19 by adhering to the County's "Safer at Home" order, only leaving when necessary. If you are out and about taking care of necessary business, practice social distancing (6-feet). Also, simple hygienic measures such as washing your hands regularly, and covering a cough and sneeze, can help prevent further spread of COVID-19 and other known illnesses.

The COVID-19 situation is an ever evolving situation throughout the County, the State, and across the Country. The City continues to work with County partners and local stakeholders in monitoring COVID-19. As updates become available specific to our City, we will share them with you our residents. In the meantime, the City has a special COVID-19 page on the City's website at www.pico-rivera.org that includes links to the various Health Agencies and FAQ's about COVID-19.

Finally, I understand that there may be a little fear and anxiety as COVID-19 has hit closer to our home. I ask that all our residents remain calm and follow the guidance of State and Local Health officials. We as a community will get through this, it's going to take time, but we will get through this.