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PALM DESERT CANCELS MARCH EVENTS
IN RESPONSE TO EXECUTIVE ORDER

PALM DESERT, CA (March 11, 2020 – Responding to today’s executive order from California Governor Gavin Newsom, the City of Palm Desert is canceling municipal events involving 250 or more people through March 31.

The City also strongly advises organizers of private events in Palm Desert to follow State public health guidelines, as directed by the Governor and outlined by the California Department of Public Health, and to consult Riverside County Public Health officials regarding questions about the novel coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic. The County’s public health website includes a regularly updated page – rivcoph.org/coronavirus – with important and useful information.

In addition to the cancelation of large events, the City is postponing non-essential meetings and activities that do not allow for recommended social distancing or that involve 10 or more people who are at higher risk for severe illness.

While Palm Desert City Hall remains open, those conducting business with the City are encouraged to utilize online and other resources such as telephone calls, emails, mail, etc. in lieu of in-person services whenever possible.

The City’s website - CityofPalmDesert.org - offers a wealth of helpful information and the public is always welcome to send emails to information@cityofpalmdesert.org.

Phones at City Hall, including the main information line – 760-346-0611 – are staffed and answered from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The City is closely monitoring the rapidly evolving pandemic. Our leadership is participating in regular conference calls with Riverside County public health officials and following updates from the federal Centers for Disease Control regarding best practices related to this virus and how our residents, businesses, and visitors can help protect themselves and their loved ones.

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