



March 23, 2020

To the Citizens of Yucaipa:

On March 19<sup>th</sup>, Governor Gavin Newsom ordered California residents to remain at home due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

I understand this order has created some uncertainty, but the order was issued to ensure the safety of California residents. I want to thank everyone for their cooperation and support during this difficult time for the City and, really, the entire nation. I also want to assure residents that all essential City services, including public safety, waste management (through Burrtec) and other critical services will continue.

As the situation surrounding the coronavirus (COVID-19) continues to evolve, the City of Yucaipa is working hard to support the members of our community, including businesses, through this difficult time. The City has declared a state of emergency to ensure access to any available state and federal resources for our residents, businesses, and City Government.

I want to assure you that we are working diligently to address both the continuity of our own internal City operations and the services that the City and our partners provide. We are committed to working with the state, county, school district, water district, water companies, utility companies, businesses and community groups to ensure that services needed by our most vulnerable neighbors, like delivery of food and medicine, are not disrupted.

There are additional resources being provided throughout the community, like the school district (who is providing weekday lunch for children ages 0-18 at select locations), and lunch meal packages being distributed by FSA to seniors over the age of 60.

All City offices and facilities are closed to the public until April 6. However, residents and others who need to conduct business with the City (particularly for Building and Safety, Planning and Engineering) may call City Hall at (909) 797-2489 to schedule an appointment.

At this time the Sheriff's Department will not be proactively enforcing business closures or public gatherings but will continue to engage the community and educate and encourage adherence to all public health orders and recommendations.

The health of our community is our first priority. Pursuant to Executive Order N-33-20 (attached) this means practicing social distancing and sheltering at home unless you are considered part of essential services as defined in the order.

As you may know the county declared a public health emergency that limits business operations. All restaurant dine-in operations are prohibited; takeout, curbside pickup, drive-through, delivery (including by third-party services), and mobile food (trucks/carts) are allowed with some modifications. If possible, support our local restaurants by ordering food to go or purchasing a gift card for food delivery or even for later when this is over.

Please be aware that grocery stores are still open but have modified their hours. The effects of the COVID-19 situation are already significant for many in our City. People are experiencing lost wages, dropped hours, lost rent, and lost business. Know that we are working on a plan to help our community persevere and recover. We will continue to update you on the City website and on the City's social media platforms.

Please take care,

David Avila  
Mayor of the City of Yucaipa