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City proclaims local emergency in response to COVID-19 and County guidelines for public and private gatherings

WESTMINSTER, Calif. - Interim City Manager Sherry Johnson issued a proclamation of local emergency this morning in response to the coronavirus (COVID-19). While there are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 reported in Westminster, issuing the proclamation enhances the City's ability to access state and federal emergency funds or resources.

The proclamation will also allow the City to take additional measures in line with public health directives to reduce the spread COVID-19, and address the County of Orange's health order issued yesterday afternoon.

County Health Officer Dr. Nichole Quick issued an order essentially banning "public and private gatherings of any number of people, including at places of work, occurring outside a single household or living unit," and providing exemptions that include "essential services." The County has since clarified the health order is not a lockdown and will issue an amended health order. The City will provide an update as it becomes available.

To reduce the potential exposure and spread of COVID-19 to the residents and City employees, the City has taken action to practice responsible social distancing by limiting public access to City facilities and buildings and providing services remotely.

The City Council will meet on March 19, 2020 at 12:30 p.m. to ratify the proclamation declaring the local emergency. Members of the public are encouraged to watch the meeting live on Westminster TV Channel 3 or via online streaming at www.westminster-ca.gov.

Additional updates can be found on the city's dedicated coronavirus [webpage](#) and [social media](#).

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