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State stay-at-home order and non-essential business closures remain in effect

WESTMINSTER, Calif. - The City of Westminster remains under California's mandatory <u>stay-at-home</u> order related to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). Effective from March 19, 2020, the stay-at-home order does not currently have an end date, and therefore, the City of Westminster and its residents and businesses must continue to abide by the state's order.

The order provides exceptions for essential businesses and services to continue operating, but non-essential businesses are to remain closed. Essential businesses are defined by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency.

On April 28, 2020, the Orange County Board of Supervisors adopted <u>business guidelines</u> for members of the public and businesses to comply with when Governor Newsom begins allowing businesses to reopen. The county's guidelines do not provide direction for non-essential businesses to open at this time, and do not supersede any conflicting or more restrictive orders such as the state's current mandatory order.

Residents who are concerned about businesses in Westminster that are non-essential and currently open or restaurants that are allowing dine-in services are encouraged to contact the city via the <u>online reporting form</u> or leave a message at (714) 548-3246.

For additional information and the latest updates, visit the City's dedicated coronavirus webpage at https://projectwestminster.com/coronavirus-updates.