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EXTENDED STAY-AT-HOME ORDER

State officials have extended the regional stay home order for Southern California, which includes Orange County and affects Westminster. The order is extended until the ICU bed capacity returns to 15 percent or higher.

The State of California's Regional Stay Home Order instructs Californians to stay at home as much as possible to limit intermingling of multiple households that can lead to the spread of COVID-19.

What's allowed: You'll still be allowed to access to critical services and allows outdoor activities to preserve Californians' physical and mental health. This limited closure will help stop the surge and prevent overwhelming regional ICU capacity.

Click here for a list of businesses that must close and those who may remain open with additional modifications including 100% masking and physical distancing.

Learn more about the order at www.covid19.ca.gov.



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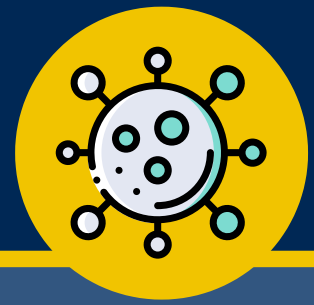
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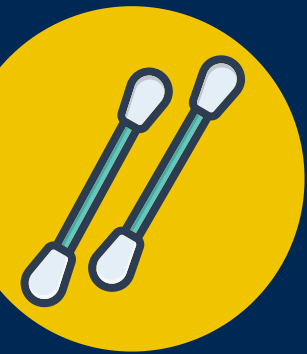
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FREE



Saliva At-Home Test Kits & Nostril Swab At-Home Test Kits



**FOR ALL ORANGE
COUNTY RESIDENTS!**



- At-home test kits are available at no cost for individuals who live in Orange County and are asymptomatic or have exposure concerns
- Home delivery test kits come with prepaid return shipping
- Orders will be fulfilled within 24-48 hours depending on the time your order is placed
- Patient portal, order request form, and registration are all available online
- Virtual clinical support is available through PWN Health Provider
- Daily limits may apply to meet service delivery times

***For more information and to request a kit, visit
occovid19.ochhealthinfo.com/covid-19-testing***

NEW! Westminster Boulevard Sidewalk Closure



I-405 Improvement Project
Proyecto de Ampliación En El I-405
Dự Án Cải Thiện I-405

Westminster Boulevard Sidewalk Closure
Cierre de banqueta de Westminster Boulevard
Đóng Vĩa Hè Đường Westminster



Crews will close the sidewalk along eastbound Westminster Boulevard, between Springdale Street and Willow Lane.

The closure is needed to accommodate the southbound I-405 Westminster on-ramp extended closure as well as the bridge's upcoming traffic shift.

A detour will be in place for pedestrians and bicyclists to navigate around the closure.

The sidewalk is set to close as early as 10 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 5, to 6 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 12.

Sign up for project-wide and bridge-specific construction alerts at bit.ly/405-signup.

BUSINESS RESOURCES

\$5,000 - \$25,000

SMALL BUSINESS GRANTS AVAILABLE!

APPLY TODAY FOR THE

#CAReliefGrant

Applications are now open at CAReliefGrant.com



lendistry | This Program is funded by
the State of California

Deadline: January 13, 2021



Check out our "Local Business Resources" page for information and resources available through local agencies and non-profit organizations!



Your Westminster City Council



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District 3*

HIRING NOW

HR & RISK MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

- Department: Human Resources/Risk Management
- Job Type: Full-Time
- Open Until Filled: First review of applications - January 7, 2021

POLICE OFFICER I

- Department: Police
- Job Type: Full-Time
- Closes: Continuous

POLICE OFFICER RECRUIT

- Department: Police
- Job Type: Part-Time Hourly
- Closes: Continuous

CROSSING GUARD

- Department: Community Services
- Job Type: Part-Time
- Closes: Continuous



For more information, visit www.governmentjobs.com/careers/westminster

Council Meeting Schedule

Regular Meeting - January 13
Special Meeting for Closed Session - January 18
Regular Meeting - January 27

*Meetings are still being conducted virtually via teleconference/web conference

Virtual Meetings



In an effort to protect public health and prevent the spread of COVID-19, in lieu of attending the meeting, members of the public may view the meeting live in one of the following ways:

- [City of Westminster YouTube Channel](#)
- [City of Westminster Streaming Video Online](#)
- Westminster WTV: Spectrum Channel 3, Frontier FiOS Channel 42, and AT&T UVerse Channel 99



To view the meeting via zoom, submit e-comments to address the city council, or submit a speaker request, visit www.projectwestminster.com/virtual-meetings.

RESOURCES FOR RENTERS

Eviction Moratorium for Residential Tenants

On August 31, 2020 a new California law - [The Tenant, Homeowner and Small Landlord Relief and Stabilization Act of 2020](#) - took effect to provide relief to residential tenants.

If you are unable to pay your rent due to a coronavirus-related hardship between September 1, 2020 and January 31, 2021, you must also pay at least 25 percent of the rent due to avoid eviction.

Beginning February 1, 2021, tenants will have to pay the full amount of rent to be protected from eviction.

Beginning March 1, 2021, landlords can take tenants to small claims court to recover unpaid rent debt regardless of how much the tenant owes. [Read more here.](#)



Affordable Housing

Looking for an affordable rental unit in Westminster? Click below for a list of affordable rental opportunities. All properties are privately managed. To inquire about availability, rental rates and income qualifications, please contact the respective property management team.

[City of Westminster - List of Affordable Housing](#)

For additional affordable housing opportunities throughout Orange County, the County of Orange maintains a list of affordable units which can be found at ochousing.org.

Fair Housing

If you want to learn more about fair housing laws, the [Fair Housing Foundation](#) provides education to tenants, landlords, property owners, realtors and property management companies. The Fair Housing Foundation provides services to cities throughout Orange County, including Westminster.

[Sign-up for virtual workshops](#) to learn more about your rights and responsibilities as a tenant or landlord.

For assistance, call Fair Housing Foundation at (800) 446-3247, or email at info@fhfca.org.



WCARES



RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The City of Westminster received a special allocation of Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus (CDBG-CV3) funds to be used to respond to the coronavirus (COVID-19) through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act). On December 9, 2020, the Westminster City Council approved funding of CDBG-CV3 funds to provide limited rental assistance to qualified Westminster residents financially impacted due to COVID-19.

Applications will be available beginning Monday, January 11, 2021 and must be submitted to the City between January 13, 2021 and January 28, 2021 by 5:00 p.m. Applicants will be selected by a lottery system and application approval is subject to funding availability. For more information visit www.bit.ly/WCARES.

*If you've previously received 3 months of WCARES rental assistance, you will not be eligible for additional assistance.



City of Westminster 2021-2029 **HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE**

The City of Westminster is in the process of updating the 2021-2029 Housing Element.

What is a Housing Element?

The Housing Element is a section of the City's General Plan that looks at housing needs and conditions within Westminster. It is a policy document that identifies goals, policies and programs that the City uses to direct and guide actions related to housing.

Why is the City updating its Housing Element?

Each city and county in California is required to have a Housing Element and update it at least every 8 years. Updating the Housing Element gives the City a clear picture of housing-related issues such as: housing supply and demand, the types of housing available within the City, housing affordability, and homelessness. Once the Housing Element is updated, it must be approved by the California Department of Housing and Community Development. Updating our Housing Element will ensure that we meet State requirements, and make Westminster eligible for State grants and other funding sources. It will also give our elected and appointed officials clear guidance on housing issues facing Westminster.

How can I get involved?

Take the community survey. We want your input on Housing in Westminster.

- <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8SVSZXC> **(English)**
- https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8SVSZXC?lang=es_US **(Spanish)**
- <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8SVSZXC?lang=vi> **(Vietnamese)**



Hours of Operation

Monday through Friday

**Appointment Only:
9 a.m. - 6 p.m.**

The Westminster Family Resource Center (WFRC) serves low-income families residing in the City of Westminster and surrounding cities in Orange County. The WFRC has become the centralized information and referral point for the community. With the assistance of bilingual staff and various partners, individuals can create linkages with necessary resources such as food trolleys, counseling services, enrichment programs, and other services to help strengthen their families. [Click here](#) for more information regarding programs and services.

Westminster Family Resource Center



**Located at Sigler Park
7200 Plaza St.
Westminster, CA 92683**

**General Information:
714.903.1331**

Partners



COMMUNITY SERVICES

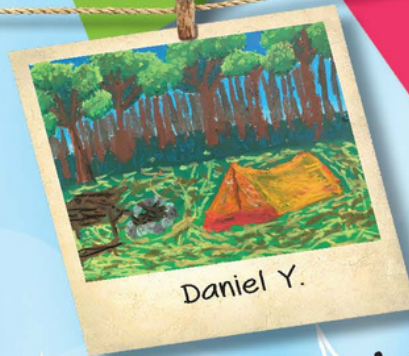
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NEWSLETTER & RECREATION GUIDE



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**Parks
Make
Life
Better!**

Virtual Art Contest
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**Mendez Tribute Monument
and Mendez Freedom Trail**
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Virtual Recreation Center



Your place to find fun resources and activities to keep you and your family entertained, active, and informed!

Check back *weekly*
for themed activities!



CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS



When a carbon monoxide alarm sounds, move all people and pets outside immediately. Once outside, call 9-1-1. Do not go back inside until the fire department has declared the area safe and instructed you to do so.



Carbon monoxide (CO) is a deadly, odorless, poisonous gas that can make a person feel sick. In the home, fuel-burning devices for heating and cooking can be sources of carbon monoxide.



**Orange County
Fire Authority**

ocfa.org

(714) 573-6200



Install

- Carbon monoxide alarms should be installed in all homes, apartments, and workplaces.
- Install alarms in each sleeping area and on every level of the home.
- In the workplace, carbon monoxide alarms should be installed in areas where gas appliances are located, as well as areas with identified hazards.
- It is best to use interconnected alarms so when one sounds, all of them sound.

Inspect

- Test carbon monoxide alarms once a month.

Prevent CO Poisoning

- Have a professional inspect your chimneys and heating equipment each year.
- Don't keep your car running inside your garage, even if your garage doors are open.
- Gas grills, charcoal grills, and generators can produce carbon monoxide. Use them outdoors in well-ventilated areas away from windows, doors and vent openings.
- Clear all debris from dryers, furnaces, stoves, and fireplace vents.
- Open the damper when using a fireplace for adequate ventilation.
- Never use your oven or stove to heat your home.
- Do not cover the bottom of natural gas or propane ovens with aluminum foil. Doing so blocks the combustion air flow through the appliance and can produce carbon monoxide.



Text to 9-1-1

Orange County

**CALL IF YOU CAN,
TEXT IF YOU CAN'T**

Mobile users in Orange County have the ability to send text messages to 9-1-1, giving hearing and speech impaired residents, or those in situations where it is too dangerous to dial 9-1-1, a potentially life-saving option. This tool is available to the public using a mobile phone or device. The location services on the mobile device must be enabled.

Guidelines:

- Enter the numbers "911" in the text "To" field.
- The first text message to 9-1-1 should contain the location and brief description of the emergency and the type of help needed (police, fire, ambulance).
- Push the "Send" button.
- Be prepared to answer questions and follow instructions from the 9-1-1 text taker.
- Text in simple words. Photos and videos cannot be sent to 911.
- Do not use abbreviations, emojis, or slang.
- Keep text messages brief and concise.
- Text must be in English. There is currently no language interpretation for text available.

[Click here for more information.](#)

Spending time outdoors?

- ➔ Choose a repellent that contains one of the following EPA-registered active ingredients: deet, picardin, IR3535, or oil of lemon eucalyptus.
- ➔ Choose a repellent that will protect you for the amount of time you plan to be outdoors.
- ➔ Keep in mind, when you are sweating or getting wet, repellents will not last as long.



Orange County
Mosquito and Vector Control District

A Public Health Agency Serving Orange County Since 1947

Did you know...

City Hall's temporary hours are Monday-Thursday, 7 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Buildings are currently closed to the public until further notice. Staff will be available during office hours for electronic and telephone services.

For general assistance, call
(714) 898-3311.

The IRS and Treasury are now delivering the second round of economic impact payments. For more information, [click here](#).

You can drop off mattresses for free at the Midway City Sanitary District site Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

14451 Cedarwood Ave.
Westminster, CA 92683

For more details, call (714) 893-3553.

There will be FREE Christmas Tree Recycling from January 4 - January 15. Place your tree next to your containers and Midway City Sanitary District will pick it up. There will be NO BULKY ITEM PICK UP during this time. For more information, call MCSD at
(714) 893-3553.

The City of Westminster has a YouTube account!



[Click here to subscribe!](#)

OTHER NEWS



Happy New Year!

FROM THE CITY OF WESTMINSTER



**CORONAVIRUS UPDATES &
RESOURCES**

[www.projectwestminster.com/
coronavirus-updates](http://www.projectwestminster.com/coronavirus-updates)



**405 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
CONSTRUCTION UPDATES**

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