



News Release

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UPDATE #6 – Redondo Beach Enacts Additional Closures including Beach and Esplanade Parking, Walkways, Beach Access Points, and Park Sites

Redondo Beach, Calif. – Due to the continued rapid spread of COVID-19 and the need to further protect our community and to reduce the impact on hospitals, medical professionals, and various health care facilities in the area, the City of Redondo Beach is enacting additional measures to help ensure the safety of Redondo Beach residents and visitors.

The Redondo Beach City Manager, acting in his capacity as Emergency Services, Director, has issued the attached order effective midnight tonight (March 27, 2020 at 12:00 AM) that the following City spaces, parks and facilities be closed to the public:

- 1. The Redondo Beach Pier, International Boardwalk and Parking Structures, except for the purpose of picking up food at City designated locations from restaurants providing to-go orders and employees of those restaurants still providing service.**
- 2. The Esplanade, as defined as the sidewalk and parking spaces along the west side of the street from the City's southern boundary with the City of Torrance at Calle Miramar to Knob Hill Avenue, and the Parking Lot adjacent to Miramar Park in Torrance.**
- 3. Veteran's Park and Parking Lots, including the public parking areas adjacent to the Elks Lodge.**
- 4. All public walkways, stairways, ramps, and paths that provide access to the Beach.**
- 5. The coastal bluff trail between Knob Hill Avenue and George Freeth Way.**

6. **The Pedestrian Path adjacent to the Beach Bike Path between the City's southern boundary and the Redondo Beach Pier.**
7. **All walkways and stairways that provide access from private residential properties to the Redondo Beach Pier and International Boardwalk.**
8. **George Freeth Way, including the street, sidewalk and parking.**
9. **Czuleger Park, except for the purpose of ingress and egress to residential properties adjacent to the Park.**
10. **Redondo Bike Path Parkette and Parking Lot.**
11. **Moonstone Park.**
12. **The Sidewalk, Bike Path, and Public Parking on the west side of Harbor Drive.**
13. **The Personal Watercraft Hand Launching Facility and the access road behind Seaside Lagoon.**
14. **The Public Boat Hoist located in the Redondo Beach Marina.**
15. **The Redondo Beach Marina Parking Lot, except for the purpose of picking up food from restaurants providing to-go orders and employees of those restaurants still providing service. The exception is also extended to live-aboard residents in the Marina.**
16. **Aviation Park.**
17. **The North Redondo Beach Bike Path from Robinson Street to Felton Lane.**
18. **The Dog Park at Dominguez Park.**
19. **City Park Basketball Courts.**
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Attached is a copy of the City of Redondo Beach order related to the above closures. These Redondo Beach closures shall remain in effect until **April 24, 2020 at 12:00 AM**. The closures are subject to further extension if conditions warrant.

As a reminder, in order to reduce the risk of spreading illnesses, it is recommended that each person:

- Adhere to the Countywide **Safer at Home** Order issued by the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health
- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Cover mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing using a tissue or sleeve (not hands).
- Clean and disinfect objects and surfaces often.

Individuals are encouraged to follow the guidelines of the Los Angeles County Health Department, the California Department of Public Health, and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

For more information:

Los Angeles County Department of Public Health:
<http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/coronavirus/>

California Department of Public Health: <https://cdph.ca.gov/>

Center for Disease Control: <http://www.cdc.gov>

Thank you for your understanding as we continue to address the threat of COVID-19 in Redondo Beach.

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**ADDITIONAL EMERGENCY ORDERS
BY THE REDONDO BEACH CITY MANAGER
UNDER THE PROCLAMATION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY DUE TO COVID-19
March 26, 2020**

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, I declared a local emergency due to the imminent threat of COVID-19 in Redondo Beach and subsequently ordered a number of measures to help protect residents, visitors and City employees and to combat the spread of the virus in our community including: the closure of the City's three Senior Centers; the cancellation or postponement of a number of citywide special events and activities at the Redondo Beach Performing Arts Center; the closure of the City's Main Library, North Branch Library and Teen Center; the suspension of the City's After School Care Program; the suspension of all City Advisory Commission Meetings; and the modification of core municipal services to enable proper social distancing.

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, I issued a second proclamation, in conjunction with Los Angeles County Health Officer recommendations, ordering the closure of all restaurants, bars, nightclubs, movie theaters, gyms and fitness centers in the City; issued a temporary moratorium on evictions due to the non-payment of rent or mortgage resulting from COVID-19 related financial distress; and prohibited the shutoff of any utilities due to late payment.

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the Mayor and City Council ratified the declaration of local emergency and confirmed all emergency orders (see the attached summary) implemented by the City as of that date.

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, the Los Angeles County Public Health Officer issued the Safer at Home Order to further restrict and limit the gathering of persons and to require the closure of malls, shopping centers, children's playgrounds, and non-essential retail businesses to stem or slow the spread of COVID-19 within the greater Los Angeles community.

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020, I ordered additional measures including the closure of Wilderness Park and all City Park Playgrounds and made modifications to the operations of the Beach Cities Transit System and The Wave.

WHEREAS, on March 21, 2020 the Governor of the State of California issued Executive Order N-35-20 ordering all individuals living in the State of California to stay home or at their place of residence, except as needed to maintain continuity of operations of federal critical infrastructure sectors.

WHEREAS, on March 21, 2020, the Los Angeles County Public Health Officer issued a revised Safer at Home Order prohibiting all indoor and outdoor public and private gatherings and events and further restricting the number and type of businesses considered Essential Businesses.

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2020, the Executive Director of the California Coastal Commission issued a memo acknowledging that many Californians are not adequately practicing social distancing directives, especially in public spaces, such as coastal parks and beaches and stated that under California Public Resources Code Section 30611 the Executive Director can waive traditional permitting requirements and allow public agencies to close coastal accessways and recreation amenities to protect public health and safety.

WHEREAS, the City's coastal amenities such as the Pier, Esplanade and Redondo Bike Path continue to attract large crowds and non-compliance with social distancing requirements issued by State and County Health Officials.

WHEREAS, on March 25, 2020, Los Angeles County Executive Staff indicated that the County is also experiencing crowding on their beaches and indicated that all beaches in the County, including Redondo Beach, would be closed beginning on or shortly after March 27, 2020.

WHEREAS, the City of Redondo Beach has made efforts to avoid the closing of coastal accessways by encouraging proper social distancing through signage and the dissemination of public information but has found these efforts to be insufficient and has informed California Coastal Commission Staff that the City must temporarily close coastal amenities to further protect public health and safety.

WHEREAS, as of March 26, 2020, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website listed the number of COVID-19 cases in the United States of America at 68,440 persons, including 994 deaths in the Country, and the Los Angeles County Public Health Department cited 1,216 cases (20 in Redondo Beach) and 21 deaths in Los Angeles County.

WHEREAS, due to the continued rapid spread of COVID-19 and the need to protect our community and to slow the virus's impact on hospitals, medical professionals, and

various health care facilities in the area, additional measures must be implemented to help ensure Redondo Beach residents and visitors maintain proper social distancing.

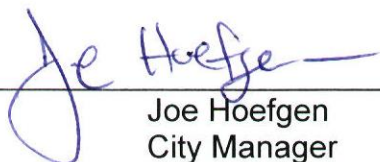
NOW THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as the City Manager and Director of Emergency Services for the City of Redondo Beach, and pursuant to the provisions of California Government Code Section 8634 and Redondo Beach Municipal Code Title 3, Chapter 2 and Title 5, Chapter 6 and the laws of the State of California to promulgate, issue, and enforce rules, regulations, orders, and directives, I **hereby order, effective March 27, 2020 at 12:00 AM until April 24, 2020 at 12:00 AM**, the following City spaces, parks and facilities closed to the public:

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PER THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE AND GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 8665, ANY VIOLATION OF THE ABOVE PROHIBITIONS SHALL CONSTITUTE A MISDEMEANOR, WHICH PROVIDES FOR FINES NOT TO EXCEED \$1,000 OR IMPRISONMENT NOT TO EXCEED SIX MONTHS, AND MAY BE REFERRED TO THE OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY FOR PROSECUTION. EACH INDIVIDUAL OFFICER SHOULD USE THEIR DISCRETION IN ENFORCING THIS ORDER AND ALWAYS KEEP THE INTENT OF THE ORDER IN MIND.

Date: March 26, 2020



Joe Hoefgen
City Manager

ATTACHED: List of City Emergency Orders as of March 17, 2020

Summary of City Manager Emergency Actions Ordered

From March 12, 2020 Proclamation of Emergency to 4:00 PM March 17, 2020

- Increased cleaning of restrooms and City Facilities utilized by the public, including deep cleaning and disinfecting of all high-touch areas, to inhibit the potential spread of the Covid-19/Corona Virus.
- Beginning March 13, 2020, the Anderson Park Senior Center, Perry Park Senior Center and Veterans Park Senior Center were closed until further notice. No classes, programs or operations will be held.
- Beginning March 13, 2020, Senior Excursions for the months of March and April, 2020 were cancelled.
- From March 13, 2020 through June 30, 2020, all special events in the City and those at the Redondo Beach Performing Arts Center (RBPAC) for which the total occupancy exceeds 250 persons were cancelled. The cancellation was further expanded to include events of 50 or more and now includes full closure of the RBPAC for the period March 17, 2020 through March 31, 2020. Similarly, the BeachLife Festival has been ordered postponed. The City is working with the promoter to identify mutually agreeable weekend dates at the end of August or in September to reschedule the Festival.
- All Recreation Spring Break Camps have been cancelled.
- Dissemination of best practices related to social distancing and good hygiene on the City website and other pertinent information for the prevention of community spread of COVID-19;
- Ordering the limiting of employee work-related travel;
- Preparing contingency plans for continuity of government in the event City employees contract COVID-19;
- Beginning March 15, 2020 Redondo Beach Libraries, both the Main and North Branch, and all associated programs and meetings were closed to the public until April 13, 2020. The timing of the closure is in parallel with the closure schedule announced by the Redondo Unified School District for Redondo Beach Public Schools and may be extended as necessary.
- Beginning March 15, 2020, the Riviera Village Sunday Farmers Market and the Veteran's Park Thursday Farmers Market have been cancelled until April 30, 2020.

- The Perry Park Teen Center was closed beginning March 16, 2020 through April 13, 2020. No classes, programs or operations will be held.
- All Recreation after school program operations and after-care activities were cancelled beginning March 16, 2020 through April 13, 2020.
- Beginning March 17, 2020 all Redondo Beach City Offices and counters including those at City Hall, the Public Works Yard, Community Services Office, Police Department, and Fire Department were closed to the public.
- City Management and Department Directors are working to install alternative systems and procedures to temporarily transition core municipal services and enable public access via telephone, e-mail, or other web-based technology. Limited Plan Check services may be made available on an appointment basis via the Community Development Department. Updated information will be provided on the respective City Departmental web pages.
- The Redondo Beach Police and Fire Departments will continue to respond to calls for service and have incorporated response protocols to safeguard employees and the public to reduce the risk of spread of COVID-19. Fire Inspection services for residential and commercial buildings will be suspended until further notice.
- The Redondo Beach Public Works Department and City contractors will continue to perform maintenance and repair work within the City – e.g. street repair and park maintenance.
- Street sweeping enforcement has been suspended until further notice.
- Meetings of the following Advisory Commissions have been suspended until April 30, 2020:
 - Budget and Finance Commission
 - Harbor Commission
 - Historical Commission
 - Library Commission
 - Preservation Commission
 - Public Art Commission
 - Public Safety Commission
 - Public Works Commission
 - Recreation and Parks Commission
 - Suspension Appeals Board
 - Youth Commission

- The City's Information Technology Department has been exploring how meetings of the City Council and the Planning Commission can be made accessible to the public and to elected/appointed officials via web or teleconferencing.
- Beginning March 17, 2020, the following methods of public participation will be made available prior to and during City Council and Planning Commission Meetings:
 - Via E-Mail in Advance of the Meeting -- Submit e-mail comments to the City Clerk (cityclerk@redondo.org) by 3:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting. Submittals after this time will not be duplicated and provided to members in advance of the meeting.
 - In Person at the Meeting – The City Council Chambers will be reconfigured to ensure social distancing among members of the public and participating City Council/Planning Commission members. Space will be limited for in person participation. Seniors and individuals with underlying chronic conditions or those who are ill are encouraged to use alternate methods to provide public comment.
 - Via Telephone During the Meeting – This option is under development – check back for further instructions.
- For the period March 17, 2020 through March 31, 2020 all gatherings of 50 individuals or more are prohibited. All gathers not prohibited must follow Los Angeles County Health recommendations such as social distancing and access to hand washing facilities.
- For the period March 17, 2020 through March 31, 2020 all restaurants in Redondo Beach must close their dining rooms to the public and limit their services to only preparing and offering food to customers via delivery service, via pick up for take-out dining only, or via drive thru (further described in the attached March 16, 2020 City Manager Order).
- For the period March 17, 2020 through March 31, 2020, Bars and Nightclubs that do not serve food, Gyms, Fitness Centers, Movie Theatres, Live performance Theaters, Bowling Alleys and Arcades have been closed (further described in the attached March 16, 2020 City Manager Order).
- For the next 90 days, utility shut offs and late penalties for the non-payment of utility bills and late payment penalties for parking violations are prohibited (further described in the attached March 16, 2020 City Manager City Order).
- For the duration of the Emergency Period, a temporary moratorium on evictions has been implemented for the non-payment of rent or mortgage payments by residential and commercial tenants/occupants impacted by the COVID-19 crisis (further described in the attached March 16, 2020 City Manager Order).