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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMUNICATION

COVID-19 Outbreak: Situation Report

Updated: March 14, 2020

BOLD = New Information

In accordance with the Emergency Operations Plan, the measures below are in effect thru **Sunday, March 29th**.

All measures are routinely evaluated and changes will be posted under "Latest News" at www.forestgrove-or.gov

The Mayor has approved an Emergency Declaration for the City of Forest Grove effective 1:00 P.M., March 14. The City Council will be asked to ratify the Emergency Declaration on Monday, March 16. An Incident Management Team has been appointed to respond to the emergency.

All City operations remain open unless indicated below.

City Operations:

- Library:** Closed Monday, March 16 thru Sunday, March 29
- Aquatic Center:** Closed Monday, March 16 thru Sunday, March 29
- Parks:** All parks and restrooms remain open
Organized leagues cancelled thru Sunday, March 29
- Utilities:** No power and water shut offs for non-payment thru March 31
Northwest Natural Gas has announced no shut offs for non-payment thru March 31.

City Council Meeting, March 16:

- **To assure social distancing, Councilors will not be meeting on the dais.**
- All work sessions will be held in the Community Auditorium.
- Teleconferencing options will be available for City Councilors.

Boards & Commission Meetings:

- **All Board and Commission meetings in March are cancelled.**

Additional Precautionary Measures:

- Posted signs in all City buildings to wash hands and stay home if sick.
- Increased cleaning and disinfecting of highly utilized areas such as restrooms, countertops, and keyboards.
- Practicing social distancing at all City facilities.

Police and Fire:

- For emergencies, continue to utilize 911.
- Acquired additional personal protective equipment for first responders.
- Encouraging remote reporting of non-emergency incidents by dialing 503-629-0111.
- For police reports, please visit the website at www.forestgrove-or.gov, go to the Police page, click on Records Request, click on Request Public Records and email request to pdrecords@forestgrove-or.gov.
- Distributed prevention flyers to the Chamber of Commerce for distribution to city businesses.
- Continuing to educate staff on decontamination of highly used public items.

Water:

- Water served by the City of Forest Grove Water Department is safe to drink and use. Before reaching Forest Grove customers' taps, water is filtered, cleaned, and treated. This process removes, disinfects, and chemically inactivates viruses, bacteria, and other living organisms from the drinking water, including COVID-19.

Senior and Community Center:

- The following activities have been suspended temporarily:
 - Friday breakfast, April's 1st Friday Dinner, Bingo, Gift Shop, activities with more than 10 attendees.

The City of Forest Grove is adhering to guidance from the health authorities listed below. Please utilize these health experts for accurate coronavirus information:

State of Oregon: [The Oregon Health Authority \(OHA\)](#)
Washington County: [The Washington County Department of Health and Human Services](#)
United States: [The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)
International: [The World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#)

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