City of Los Altos Status of Response to COVID-19 Emergency

APRIL 28, 2020
County, Governor and Local Orders

- March 12: City Manager issues Emergency Proclamation, ratified by the City Council March 17

- March 16: Santa Clara County Public Health Officer issues Shelter-in-Place Order

- March 19: Governor Newsom Issues Executive Order requiring Shelter-in-Place for all California Residents except for Essential Workers

- March 30, 2020: Santa Clara County Public Health Officer extends Shelter-in-Place Order to May 3.

- April 27, 2020: Order, with some modifications, to be extended until end of May.
“Shelter-in-Place = Live Saved”

• As of April 12:
  • 1,621 cases in Santa Clara County – 55 new yesterday
  • 18 confirmed cases of Los Altos residents
  • 54 deaths in Santa Clara County – 3 new yesterday

• As of April 27:
  • 2,105 cases in Santa Clara County – 23 new yesterday
  • 22 confirmed cases of Los Altos residents
  • 103 deaths in Santa Clara County – 3 new yesterday
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All Facilities, Tennis Courts, Playgrounds, Bathrooms, Basketball courts and parking lots at parks are Closed

All Construction Contracts have been Suspended, including the Community Center

All private construction is prohibited except for projects including affordable housing (only such project in Los Altos currently) and emergency repairs

Contracted Landscape Maintenance is allowed only for public health and safety
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**Communications with the Community:**

Community Connection Phone Number: 650-947-2790

Senior Connection Phone Number: 650-947-2797

Sunshine Calls: Calls being made by staff to City’s database of 1,500 seniors

City Website: Dedicated COVID-19 webpage with City Information and links to numerous sources of information for residents and businesses:  

Connecting with Businesses: City has held webinars with business community

Whatsopenlosaltos.org– website lists all open businesses in town
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Police:
- Using an alternative work schedule to provide for continuous operations, Police are maintaining regular staffing level for patrol
- Will enforce County/State orders if necessary, but have not issued citations to date
- Chat with the Chief – virtual Town Hall with Chief Galea, was held on April 24 with 81 participants
- Reduction in Reported Crimes but concern remains about domestic abuse. If abuse is suspected, call 911, or contact WomenSV: 833-966-3678
Other Emergency Information

Food Distribution:
- Working with Community Service Agency (CSA) and Silicon Valley Strong.
- Encouraging Los Altos residents to volunteer and make donations to CSA to assist in food distribution.
- City staff is assisting these efforts to distribute lunches to seniors.
- City staff assisting CSA with rent deferral assistance calls.

Child Care
- YMCA has opened 3 Childcare Centers for essential workers, including in Mountain View.
Recreation

- By the end of this week, decisions will be made concerning the types of Summer programs and events that can be offered.
- New dedicated virtual recreation center webpage at: https://www.losaltosca.gov/recreation/page/virtual-recreation-center
- Website includes ideas for:
  - Fitness
  - Arts and Crafts
  - Fun Activities for Tiny Tots
  - Recipes
  - Education
  - Much More!
What Happens Next?

◦ Shelter-in-Place to be extended to the end of May by County Health, in coordination with 6 other Bay area Health Offices

◦ Order Extension through May will include:

“The new order will include limited easing of specific restrictions for a small number of lower-risk activities.”

◦ K-12 schools are closed for the remainder of the academic year
What’s Next for Los Altos

◦ We will continue to adhere closely to the Shelter-in-Place Order and will do everything we can to help accomplish the goals of slowing the spread the virus and keeping our staff, and the community, as safe as possible.
◦ The Los Altos Farmers’ Market opens May 7. (Considered an Essential Business under section 13.f.ii of the Order.) Police have been in communication with the organizers to ensure compliance with the Order.
◦ As being discussed tonight, the City will face some financial challenges over the coming months depending upon the length, and scope, of the Shelter-in-Place Order
◦ A majority of staff are productively working from home and we are working on plans to return as many to work as possible, depending on the modifications in the next Shelter-in-Place Order
Questions