

# **Costa Mesa declares local emergency to protect public health and slow transmission of COVID-19**

**COSTA MESA, CA** – As the COVID-19 crisis has spread to a global pandemic, City Manager Lori Ann Farrell Harrison has issued a proclamation declaring the existence of a local emergency in order to protect the public's health and welfare.

Based on guidance from Governor Gavin Newsom and the California Department of Public Health, the City has issued an order for the cancellation of all non-essential meetings and functions and all large gatherings of 250 people or more. This includes postponing or cancelling smaller gatherings that do not allow social distancing of six feet per person or involve any individuals at high risk of infection, including individuals over 60 year of age or with underlying conditions.

As of today March 12, the City of Costa Mesa has no known cases of COVID-19 and there is no community transmission of the virus in the County of Orange, according to OC Health Agency.

Click here to read the proclamation.

Please check the City's web page here <https://www.costamesaca.gov/hot-topics/coronavirus> and follow the city's social media channels on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Nextdoor for the latest information daily.

It is important to note that the best sources of information regarding the virus will be the county, state and federal health care agencies as this is their area of expertise. Here are links to those sites:

OC Health Care Agency

[www.ochealthinfo.com/novelcoronavirus](http://www.ochealthinfo.com/novelcoronavirus)

California Department of Public Health

[www.cdph.ca.gov/covid19](http://www.cdph.ca.gov/covid19)

Centers for Disease Control

[www.cdc.gov/covid19](http://www.cdc.gov/covid19)

World Health Organization

[www.who.int/coronavirus](http://www.who.int/coronavirus)

For questions, please call the Health Care Agency of Orange County at 800-564-8448 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The County of Orange has also scheduled a virtual town hall today from 6 to 7 p.m. Click [here](#) for more information on that.

The City of Costa Mesa staff will continue to focus its continuity of government plans and ensuring we will provide core public services to the community, such as police and fire services.

Finally, the city asks If you have travelled internationally and/or had direct contact with someone who has travelled recently, or are experiencing flu-like symptoms or fall into a high-risk category please do not attend public meetings or events.