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PRESS RELEASE
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**City Facility and Event Programming Changes
Until the End of April Due to Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)**

Manhattan Beach, CA (March 13, 2020) – In response to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), the City of Manhattan Beach has closed the Joslyn Community Center and cancelled all Older Adult Programming until the end of April 2020. This action is taken out of an abundance of caution, and to protect the health and safety of the public, and older adults in particular that are vulnerable to COVID-19. In addition, following Governor Gavin Newsom’s recommendations to slow the spread of COVID-19, the City has postponed or cancelled special events with large public gatherings until the end of April 2020.

“The City understands the inconvenience and disruption that this may cause. As always, public safety is the City’s number one priority, and by making these facility and event programming changes, the City is taking a responsible action to further prevent the virus from spreading, especially among the population at risk,” said Manhattan Beach Mayor Richard Montgomery.

To protect public health and slow the rate of transmission, the California Department of Public Health (CADPH) has advised that all non-essential professional, social, and community gatherings should be postponed or cancelled. Specifically, the CADPH found that:

- Large gatherings that include 250 people or more should be postponed or canceled;
- Smaller gatherings held in venues that do not allow social distancing of six feet per person should be postponed or canceled; and
- Gatherings of individuals who are at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19 should be limited to no more than 10 people.

The following list summarizes some notable programs and events that have been, or may be, postponed or cancelled upon further evaluation.

3/14 /20 – Annual Robinson PTSA Family Fun Run (cancelled)

3/19/20 - Community Meeting on Homelessness Partnership (postponed)

3/21/20 - Senior and Scout House Community Center Gala (postponed)
3/31/20 - Police Department Town Hall Meeting (postponed)
4/16/20 - Volunteer Appreciation Event (cancelled)
4/25/20 - Richstone Pier to Pier (to be determined)
5/15/20 - Older Adult Health Fair (cancelled)

The City will reassess programming and events over the next few weeks and provide periodic updates as needed. In the interim, programming at other City facilities will be limited. Consistent with the closure of the Joslyn Community Center, the OASIS (Older Adults and Seniors Interactive Space) Room has been closed.

Check the City's website for updates to programs, classes and activities.

The Dial-A-Ride program will continue to operate, for riders who require medication, doctor visits, and necessary medical care. Dial-A-Ride vehicles are regularly sanitized and cleaned throughout the day.

Parks and Recreation Program staff will still be available to any seniors in the community who need assistance. Residents may call the Parks and Recreation Department at 310-802-5448.

The City is closely monitoring updates about the coronavirus from a variety of sources.

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

- Stay home if sick or need to care for a sick family member.
- 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.

If you have questions and would like to speak to someone, or need help finding medical care, call the Los Angeles County Information Line 2-1-1, available 24/7.

For accurate and up to date information, please visit [DPH's website](#) and [the City's website](#).

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