



City of Hemet

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

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City Offices Closed in Compliance with State Order

On December 3, the governor announced regional stay-at-home restrictions for Southern California, including Riverside County, for a minimum of three weeks. The order went into effect on Sunday evening at 11:59 p.m. The regional restrictions are in response to weeks-long surges in cases, the County's limited ICU capacity, and the increase of hospitalized positive patients beyond the highest numbers this past summer.

In light of the Governor's recent regional stay at home order, the City will **close all facilities to the public, effective December 7, 2020**. Staff will begin to transition workflow back to an online format, and will conduct business both telephonically and electronically. The City has collected the pertinent department information on its website at hemetca.gov/covid-19 for the community's use. Water shutoffs remain inactive, and Utility Billing staff continues to work with water customers to ensure that they remain in the know and have the resources they need. Valley Community Pantry is currently offering utility assistance through CDBG funds; inquiries can be directed to Valley Community Pantry at (951) 929-1101.

Businesses that are being directed to close under the order include personal services, like hair and nail salons and barbershops. Retail operations should limit capacity to 20% and gyms should move their operations outdoors. Restaurants may continue serving their customers by takeout and delivery. Hemet businesses are encouraged to abide by these guidelines, and to take advantage of Riverside County's Business Ambassador Program. The Program provides a free individualized assessment on how to navigate the pandemic and a free COVID-19 toolkit. These meetings are available virtually or telephonically by calling 951-955-0493.

Please continue abiding by social distancing and mask requirements. Hemet staff will continue to be available to the community during the order. Updates will be posted periodically to the City's social media pages and website. You can follow us @Hemetgov.