COVID-19 Update (March 12, 2020, 3 p.m.)

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This is a summary of the City of Santa Clara’s latest response efforts along with impacts to local events and City programs/services due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) public health emergency.

**Current Developments**

- On the evening of March 11, City Manager Deanna J. Santana officially proclaimed a local state of emergency to prepare for the growing spread of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in the community.
  - The proclamation is an official action to help ensure the City’s continuity of essential operations.
  - During this local emergency, employees along with community members have a personal responsibility to take measures to slow the spread of the virus including:
    - Staying home when sick
    - Keeping hands clean by washing them frequently with soap and water or using alcohol-based hand sanitizer when soap and water aren’t available.
    - Practicing social distancing such as maintaining the distance of at least an arm’s length with one another.

**Latest Changes for Upcoming Events**

- The Meadow Park Ribbon Cutting and Park Dedication, scheduled for March 14, is now postponed due to the County’s mandatory order to cancel mass gatherings and the latest County Public Health guidance for COVID-19. The Park is open for public use during normal park hours 6 a.m. to 30 minutes
after dusk. Please follow City park rules and County Health Department guidelines.

Meetings

- At this time, City Council, Santa Clara Stadium Authority, and board and commission meetings remain scheduled while social distancing measures will be implemented in accordance with public health guidance. The conduct of these meetings is subject to change as this public health emergency evolves.

City Programs and Services

Santa Clara Senior Center

- Effective Friday, March 13, the Santa Clara Senior Center will be closed to the public through Sunday, April 5, 2020 (at a minimum).

- All programs and classes are canceled, except for the Senior Nutrition lunch program, which will be available to our registered participants from 11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. A “to go” lunch option will be available to help seniors follow the public health guidance on social distancing. Please call the Front Desk at 408-615-3170 if you need to schedule appointments or would like to order lunch “to go”.

Earl Carmichael Gymnastics Center

- The Earl Carmichael Gymnastics Center will be closed beginning Saturday, March 14 through Saturday, March 28, 2020 (at a minimum). All programs and classes are canceled for the remainder of this session, and prorated refunds are being processed. Staff is aiming to begin the new spring session the week of March 30 (pending further direction) after a deep clean of the facility has been completed. Please call the Front Desk at 408-615-3140 if you have any questions.

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