



CITY OF DEL REY OAKS

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MESSAGE FROM THE CITY MANAGER

Greetings from virtual City Hall!

In order to slow the spread of the COVID-19 Coronavirus I declared a local emergency yesterday. The Council will consider ratification of the Emergency Proclamation at their March 24 meeting. We have closed City Hall and Old Town Hall to limit public interaction. Police, Fire and Public Works continue to operate while implementing social distancing and other mitigation measures. The City park will remain open for the enjoyment of our residents and visitors, while parties are prohibited. Pony League Baseball in the park has been canceled by the Seaside Pony League. The City's website, social media sights and kiosks will continue to be the source for official City updates. Karen, Kim and I are working from home, thus "Virtual City Hall". The City phone lines are forwarded, we are interacting through the website and email with the public. You may see us walking around the neighborhood. We are also putting in place processes to hold City Council and Planning Commission meetings remotely. Please look for updates on the City website <https://www.delreyoaks.org>.

Several factors influenced the decision to proclaim a local emergency. First, Del Rey Oaks has a higher than average elderly and at-risk population, which this virus can significantly impact, whose safety is paramount. Second, Del Rey Oaks is a small community with limited resources and a small but dedicated municipal workforce that must remain able to respond to the needs of those it serves. Finally, Del Rey Oaks wishes to work cooperatively with its regional governmental partners and this Proclamation will place its response framework on equal footing with its municipal neighbors who have also made similar declarations.

Monterey County announced a shelter in place order this afternoon that will further safeguard our community from the impact of COVID-19. While it will help many, especially our elderly and at-risk residents, it will also have a significant economic impact on families and businesses. We are already speaking with many businesses. Please see the County's FAQs at the City's website for more information on the shelter in place order.

Please visit the City website for the latest links to County, State and National information concerning the Coronavirus, or use the links below. We appreciate our community's understanding and cooperation in these matters and we are here to answer questions and provide assistance in any way we are able. Finally, our small community is best when it comes together. Caring for our elderly and other vulnerable residents will happen best when we care for each other.

Thank you,

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Have you signed up for Alert Monterey County?

As a reminder, you can register to receive notifications and important messages to keep you informed and alerted of emergencies and other important community news.

Sign up today at www.alertmontereycounty.org

Call the City of Del Rey Oaks directly: 831-394-8511

Call Police Non-Emergency 831-375-8525

If you have an emergency, call 911.

Take Action To Protect Your Personal Health

Everyone is encouraged to take common-sense precautions to prevent the spread of all infectious diseases.

Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.

Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.

Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipes.

Stay up to date on vaccinations, including the influenza vaccine.

Avoid close contact with people who are sick.

Stay away from work, school or other people if you are sick.

Follow guidance from public health officials.