



City of Barstow and Barstow Fire Protection District

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TO: Immediate Release
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SUBJECT: **COVID-19 PRESS RELEASE**

On March 19, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom issued a stay at home order to protect the health and well-being of all Californians and to establish consistency across the state in order to slow the spread of COVID-19. The order is in place until further notice. More information on what residents should or should not do is available here www.covid19.ca.gov.

Essential services in Barstow will remain open including, gas stations, pharmacies, grocery stores, farmers markets, food banks, convenience stores, take-out and delivery restaurants, banks and laundromats/laundry services.

Essential state and local government functions will also remain open, including law enforcement and offices that provide government programs and services. All City buildings will continue to be closed to the public however essential City staff are working and available by phone or email. For City services or to make a payment by telephone, please call the City Operator at (760) 256-3531.

A list of “Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers” has been created by the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) to help State and local officials as they work to protect their communities, while ensuring continuity of functions critical to public health and safety, as well as economic and national security. The list is available at <https://www.cisa.gov/sites/default/files/publications/CISA-Guidance-on-Essential-Critical-Infrastructure-Workers-1-20-508c.pdf>

As this situation continues to evolve, the City of Barstow is working diligently to provide up-to-date and accurate information through several platforms, including the City’s website, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, local radio, newspaper, City-run local Channel 6, and ABC News. It is our goal to provide the community with the resources to prepare for a proactive and safe response to COVID-19.

For more information on the Governor’s stay at home order, please visit California’s Coronavirus COVID-19 Response website at www.covid19.ca.gov.

For more information regarding the City of Barstow’s response to the COVID-19 crisis and more resources, please visit www.BarstowCA.org or call (760) 256-3531.