

CITY SERVICES

The Commerce City Council has declared a state of emergency however vital city services will continue. The City is actively working with members of the community to ensure that our neighborhoods are kept healthy and safe.

The health and safety of those who work, live, and visit our City is of paramount importance. We are closely monitoring the latest news and directives by federal, state and health officials concerning the Coronavirus (COVID-19). Our top priority is to ensure the wellbeing of our residents and provide support and resources to all neighborhoods and businesses within the City of Commerce during this period.

WHAT THE CITY OF COMMERCE IS DOING

Below you can find the most up-to-date coronavirus information as it relates to the City and its local agencies.

City Services

Commerce City Hall will be closed to the public until further notice and the City's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) has been activated. Residents are encouraged to visit the City's website to access online services or get the latest information regarding our operations during this time especially since information continues to change on a daily basis. Residents can call the EOC at (323) 887-4462 for current updates on city preparedness, services and emergency operations. A pre-recorded message with the most current updates is available at (323) 887-4442. More information can also be found on the City Webpage www.ci.commerce.ca.us or call (323) 722-4805.

Community Services

Commerce Municipal Bus Lines will continue to operate in accordance with the Governor's announcement that vital transit services continue to operate. Services will be running on Saturday schedule until further notice. This means that the Orange, Yellow, Purple, Church and Shopper Routes have been temporarily suspended and the Citadel Express route will only operate during peak travel times. Buses are undergoing daily intense cleaning measures to ensure the health and safety of riders. For more information, please visit the transportation office website at www.ci.commerce.ca.us/index.aspx?nid=90 or call (323) 887-4419.

The Commerce Senior Center is closed as of Monday, March 16, 2020. The closure will be in effect until further notice and all programs and classes are suspended. The congregate meal program will be delivered to senior homes. Seniors, including homebound seniors and those who haven't signed up yet, are encouraged to register for meal delivery by calling the Commerce Senior Center at (323) 887-4430. We apologize for the inconvenience this may cause but the City is following the Governor's directive for seniors to self-isolate as a precaution. More information regarding the closure and meal program will be forthcoming.

Parks & Recreation programming will be suspended and facilities closed. Open spaces at City parks will remain open for residents. However, we urge residents to practice social distancing protocols and stay 6 feet apart from one another. For more information, please contact the Parks and Recreation Office at (323) 887-4434.

The annual Commerce Y.E.S. Program has been cancelled.

Commerce Libraries are closed to the public until further notice. Library patrons are asked to send an email via “Contact Us” on the upper right corner of the Library’s website, www.cocpl.org. Staff will answer questions the same day. Library patrons are to hold on to the items they have checked out as book drops at all libraries are closed. No overdue fees will be accrued for late items. For further updates, please follow the Library on social media (Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/COCPL.org>, Twitter: @Commercelib, Instagram: @commercelibrary) or visit the Library website at www.cocpl.org.

Social Services will be continuing to serve clients and residents who need help. The Food Bank will be delivering groceries to all registered participants to their home. Any individual not registered who is in need of food will receive 1 bag of groceries while supplies last every third Thursday of the month from 10:30 am to 1 pm at the Commerce Central Receiving building next to Rosewood Park. For referrals and information about available Social Services, please call Moyra Garcia or Ed Saucedo at (323) 722-4805, ext. 2385 or 2284, respectively.

Planning, Building and Safety counters will be closed to the public as of Monday, March 16, 2020. Phone calls and inquiries regarding the planning and building process will be answered in the order as they are received during the normal course of the day. Staff is also working on establishing an online process for plan submittals, which includes a Safe Drop-Box for plans and permits located in the exterior of City Hall.

Animal Control will be dispatched only to critical public safety and animal welfare calls, such as dangerous dogs, sick or injured animals, animal cruelty and dead animal removal. Non-urgent calls such as barking dogs will be deferred until further notice. Pet licensing will be deferred.

Community Service Officers will continue patrols and services as normal, but will enact new customer service practices, such as social distancing. In addition, CSOs will not enforce street sweeping days and will not enforce overnight parking restrictions in the Village. CSOs can be called from Monday through Friday, from 8 am-6 pm at (323) 887-4460. For emergencies, call 911.

Upcoming Community Events

The City has postponed the Miss Commerce Pageant and all scheduled programs for the month of March and April. For information regarding the status of specific city events and activities, please contact Parks and Recreation at (323) 887-4434 or the Library at (323) 722-6660.

Emergency Legislation

During an emergency City Council meeting on March 16, City Council passed a resolution that protects residential tenants from being evicted due to an inability to pay rent due to circumstances related to the COVID-19 pandemic, including loss of income due to a COVID-19 related workplace closure, child care expenditures due to school closures, health care expenses related to being ill with COVID-19 or caring for a member of the tenant's household who is ill with COVID-19, or reasonable expenditures that stem from government-ordered emergency measures. Tenants will have up to six months following the expiration of the local emergency period to repay any back due rent.