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Media Advisory

Dana Point, CA (March 12, 2020) The City of Dana Point places the health and well-being of its residents, visitors and businesses as a priority. That is why, in light of [recommendations by Governor Newsom and the California Department of Public Health](#), the City is proceeding with a number of cancellations, postponements and closures to do its part to slow the spread of COVID-19 (coronavirus). The actions are especially targeted to protecting individuals who are at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19. More in depth guidelines have been developed by the [California Department of Public Health](#). Please note the following:

- The Dana Point Community Center and Nature Interpretive Center will be closed March 13th – March 31st.
- Recreation classes and City-sponsored events will be cancelled during this time. If you are enrolled in a recreation class during this time period, the City will issue you a prorated refund for the classes you will be missing. Classes will not be made up at a later date.
- City Hall is open and plans to remain open.
- City Council and Planning Commission will remain on their current schedules. We are encouraging residents to view the City Council meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 17th on Cox or through the City YouTube Channel. Public Comments can be submitted electronically to Kathy Ward at kward@danapoint.org.

- Arts and Culture Commission and Youth Board meetings planned for March will be rescheduled.

We are implementing these actions due to the advice of health agencies. Timely implementation of aggressive strategies that create social distance has proven effective in prior pandemics at delaying rates of transmission and reducing illness and death. Smaller gatherings held in venues that do not allow social distancing of six feet per person should be postponed or canceled. Gatherings of individuals who are at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19 should be limited to no more than 10 people.

The situation with COVID-19 is evolving and the City will continue to monitor the situation and make adjustments accordingly. To stay up to date on any additional news regarding City operations or facilities, we advise people to monitor the City's social media, including facebook, twitter and instagram. For questions, contact 949-248-3500.

Our priority is public health. For additional information and resources, please go to [OC Health Care Agency](#). The agency is tracking reported cases in Orange County.

All residents should practice good health hygiene which includes washing your hands, staying home if you are sick, avoiding close contact with people who are sick and covering your cough or sneeze with a tissue or your sleeve (not hands).

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