



CITY OF NEWARK

37101 Newark Blvd., Newark, CA 94560

EXISTENCE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY

2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

(Updated March 18, 2020)

Earlier this week Newark City Manager David J. Benoun declared a **LOCAL EMERGENCY** in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. On Tuesday, March 17, 2020, the City Council ratified the declaration.

These measures were taken in light of a variety of factors related to the COVID-19 pandemic, including the Alameda County Public Health Department confirming evidence of community-acquired transmission within Alameda County and the President of the United States declaring a National State of Emergency.

These acts will give the City legal authority and flexibility to mobilize resources in response to this unprecedented public health threat. These actions also help ensure that the municipal government can maintain critical services and operations and also protects our community from further transmission of COVID-19. Additionally, they allow the City to request mutual aid from regional, State, and other governmental entities.

The COVID-19 situation is rapidly evolving. Staff has been attending briefings hosted by County and Federal governments. We are also coordinating with the Alameda County Public Health Department and other governmental agencies. Staff is constantly evaluating the situation and is taking action as swiftly and decisively. Please continue to monitor this website for further updates.

The City's efforts to address this public health crisis include the following:

CLOSURE OF NON-ESSENTIAL CITY FACILITIES

The following City facilities are temporarily closed and will tentatively re-open on Monday, April 6, 2020. However, this situation is fluid and any re-opening dates are subject to change. Please regularly check the City's website for updates.

- **Clark W. Redeker Newark Senior Center** – 7401 Enterprise Drive
- **George M. Silliman Community Activity Center** – 6800 Mowry Avenue
- **Newark Community Center** – 35501 Cedar Boulevard
- **Newark Library** – 6300 Civic Terrace Avenue
- These closures include **Child Care and Pre-School**.

We apologize for the inconvenience these closures may cause.

CITY HALL IS TEMPORARILY CLOSED

Newark City Hall is **TEMPORARILY CLOSED**.

City staff plans on providing limited functions relating building inspection, engineering, planning, business licensing, finance payments, and non-emergency police responses at some point in the future, potentially as early as Monday, March 23. City staff is drafting policies and procedures to limit person-to-person contact so as to minimize the spread of COVID-19 in a way that can also provide these services. These procedures will be announced as soon as possible.

BUILDING, PUBLIC WORKS, AND CODE ENFORCEMENT INSPECTIONS

At this time, the City of Newark is only conducting emergency building inspections that relate to health and safety.

If you feel you have an emergency inspection need that relates to health and safety, please call the following numbers and a staff member will respond to you as soon as possible:

Building Inspection: (510) 578-4261 or (510) 578-4286

Public Works/Engineering: (510) 578-4589 or (510) 578-4286

Code Enforcement: (510) 578-4330 or (510) 578-4208

We apologize for any inconvenience that this may cause.

POLICE RESPONSE

Police & Fire protection will continue uninterrupted. If you are experiencing an emergency, please dial **911**. For non-emergency police issues please call 510-578-4237.

Our Police Department will continue to receive calls for service and will be prepared to address any needs for police service. However, the following questions will be asked when responding to any call for service:

- Have you or anyone you have contacted recently exhibited any flu or flu-like symptoms?
- Have you or anyone you have contacted recently traveled outside the United States in the last 21 days?

The questions are being asked in order to provide for a safe response for our Police Officers and to prevent further spread of COVID-19.

You should also be aware that Police Officers contact hundreds of people on a daily basis. All patrol vehicles are equipped with nitrile gloves, protective masks, and eye protection. Police Officers are allowed to use these materials in their discretion.

Additionally, the Newark Police Department will utilize telephone reporting for documenting some property crimes and informational reports that do not require direct Police contact.

ALAMEDA COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT HEALTH ORDER

On Monday, March 16, 2020, the Alameda County Health Officer issued an order directing all individuals to shelter at home through April 7, 2020. A copy of the order is posted on the Alameda County Health Department's website, which can be accessed through the City's website.

The order allows for essential businesses to continue to operate, provided they comply with certain practices including social distancing of at least 6 feet. Essential businesses include, but are not limited to, those that are necessary for the health and safety for individuals and their families. This includes health care operations; businesses that provide food, shelter, and social services, and other necessities of life for economically disadvantaged or otherwise needy individuals; fresh and non-perishable food retailers (including convenience stores); pharmacies; child care facilities; gas stations; banks; laundry businesses and services necessary for maintaining the safety, sanitation and essential operation of a residence.

If you believe a business is operating that is non-essential and is in violation of the order, please submit an e-mail to planning@newark.org and our Code Enforcement Division will investigate.

CANCELLATION OF PUBLIC EVENTS

The following events have been CANCELLED:

- **NewBark Dog Park Grand Opening** (scheduled for March 21st); and
- **Family Day at the Park** (scheduled for April 4).

CITY COUNCIL, PLANNING COMMISSION, AND SENIOR ADVISORY MEETINGS

Planning Commission and Senior Advisory Meetings are **CANCELLED** until further notice.

The Newark City Council meeting scheduled for March 26, 2020 is also **CANCELLED**. The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting is April 8, 2020. More information relating to this meeting will be posted at some point in the future

Special City Council meetings may be called in the meantime in order to take any action necessary to address this public health crisis. Staff will give as much as notice as possible for Council meetings; however, please note that State law requires only 24 hours' notice for special meetings. Please continue to monitor this website for updated information.

MEAL PROGRAMS

The following meal programs are available to the public:

Viola Blythe Center

37365 Ash Street, Newark (510) 794-3437

Viola Blythe currently operates a food distribution program that provides up to two weeks of canned and dry foods as well as bread products. Boxes of food are assembled by volunteers and placed outside for pick-up.

The boxes can be picked up on Monday and Wednesday between 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. and Tuesday between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

LOV Newark

8440 Central Blvd., Suite A/B (510) 793-5689

LOV Newark maintains an emergency food pantry. Members can arrange for either pick-up or have delivered bags of groceries.

Salvation Army

36601 Newark Blvd., Newark (510) 793-6319

Salvation Army has a food pantry in which community members can pick-up groceries every weekday from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Community members must provide proof of Tri-City residency.

Tri-City Volunteers

37350 Joseph Street, Fremont (510) 598-4065

Tri-City Volunteers is a large food bank that provides an assortment of food to tri-city families, including fruits and veggies, grains, canned goods, meats, and dairy items. They serve over 1,000 families every week. They are open at various times throughout the work week.

Marketplace Pick Up Hours:

Mondays-Thursdays

9:30a-10:00a Registered Disabled Clients

10:00a-12:30p Morning General Clients

12:30-1:00p Closed to Replenish TCV Marketplace

St. Edward Church

5788 Thornton Ave., Newark (510) 797-0241

St. Edward Church provides a Friends and Family meal program on the second and fourth Sunday of every month between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Due to the pandemic, prepacked lunch bags will be provided with no sit down dining.

Newark Unified School District

Through March 27, Newark Unified will offer to-go meals for any Newark student (private students included) under 18 years of age at two locations:

- Newark Jr. High School 6201 Lafayette Ave; and
- NUSD Central Kitchen 37370 Birch St.

For more information, please visit www.newarkunified.org.

SENIOR PROGRAMS

The following programs are in place relating to seniors:

Ride on Tri-City Paratransit

**Contact: David Zehnder, City of Newark
(510) 578-4405**

The Ride on Tri-City paratransit program remains fully operational. For more information or to schedule a ride, please contact Helpline at (510) 574-2053 or visit www.fremont.gov/366/ride-on-tri-city-transportation.

Life Elder Care

**Contact: David Zehnder, City of Newark
(510) 578-4405**

Meals on Wheels delivers nutritious meals mid-day Monday through Friday and also provides frozen meals for the weekend. To request service, please contact Life Elder Care at (510) 894-0370 or visit www.LifeElderCare.com.

Newark Senior Center

**Contact: David Zehnder, City of Newark
(510) 578-4405**

Although the City is unable to offer services directly to seniors at our senior center at this time, staff will be reaching out to regular customers via telephone and e-mail to perform well-checks.

PROTECTING YOURSELF AND OTHERS

All people are strongly advised to comply with the following precautions to prevent the spread of germs and prevent respiratory illnesses:

- Wash hands with liquid soap and water and rub for **at least 20 seconds**;
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when coughing or sneezing;
- Refrain from touching your eyes, nose, and mouth;
- Stay home when you are sick;
- Get a flu shot to protect yourself and others from the flu, which has similar symptoms to COVID-19;
- Flu and other respiratory viruses are very common right now, and large group gatherings are places where viruses can spread. If you are not feeling well or are experiencing cold, flu, or other symptoms, stay home to avoid spreading germs;
- It is recommended to call your physician from home to determine if there is a need to be seen at a medical facility. Going directly to a medical facility with minor to moderate cold or flu-like symptoms may unnecessarily expose you and others;
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces; and
- Consult with your healthcare provider if you or your household members are at high risk for COVID-19 complications

People who are well and healthy do not need to use a facemask to protect themselves from respiratory illnesses. A facemask can be worn for those who are coughing or sneezing to protect others from getting sick. The use of facemasks is crucial, however, for health workers and other people who are taking care of someone infected with COVID-19 in close settings.

Healthy people should not be excluded from any activities based on their race or country of origin. There is no racial, ethnic, or cultural basis for the disease. The City of Newark does not tolerate discrimination of any individuals.

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