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## **UPDATE ON CLOSURES AND CANCELLATIONS IN RESPONSE TO CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)**

The City of Santa Fe Springs continues to monitor guidelines from federal, state and county officials regarding the coronavirus. Due to the recent surge of Coronavirus cases, Los Angeles County continues the implementation of the temporary new Safer at Home Health Officer Order to maintain control of COVID-19 as the vaccination distribution process begins across the county. Established protocols continued to be followed to prevent more cases, more serious illnesses, increased hospitalizations, and more deaths. Based on these directives designed to limit the spread of COVID-19, **the City will maintain facility closures to the public until further notice.** The reopening date of City facilities for public access is to be determined. All in-person programs and events remain cancelled through May 2021 and some have been modified to virtual programs and activities. For more information on City events and programs, please visit the City's website. The health and safety of City residents remains one of our top priorities, therefore, preventing public interaction during this pandemic will help reduce the exposure to COVID-19.

As a reminder, essential services such as Police, Fire-Rescue, Infrastructure, and Transportation Services for seniors and persons with disabilities are still being offered. Please see below for updates on City operations.

**The following are updates effective January 20, 2021.**

### Cancelled City Events and Programs

- Easter Eggstravaganza
- Volunteer Day of Service
- Volunteer Recognition Ceremony

### City Facilities

- All facility rentals will remain canceled/closed through May 2021.

**The following items remain in effect.**

### City Events and Programs

- The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program will still be offered to the community in a modified manner that includes dropping off documents for staff to prepare tax returns. All communication regarding tax return will be done via telephone or email. In-person tax return preparation will not be offered this year due to covid-19. For more information, please call the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center at (562) 692-0261.
- In-person City events and programs remain cancelled through May 2021. For the complete list of cancelled City events and programs, please visit the City's website. The Department of Community Services is offering a variety of virtual programs. Please refer to the Quarterly Brochure for more information.
- Penny Carnival has been modified into a virtual weeklong event.
- Spring Camp will be modified and held virtually.
- Family Camp to Camp Commerce is cancelled.

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- Youth Leadership Committee Retreat is cancelled.
- All Community Excursions for the winter and spring are cancelled.
- All winter in-person sports are cancelled.
- In-person teens and in-person older adults programming are cancelled.

#### City Facilities

- City facilities will remain closed to the public until **further notice**. For the complete list of these facilities, please visit the City's website.
- Tennis Courts are still open Monday-Friday, 5:00-7:00 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. for singles play and by reservation only. Guidelines have been established and can be found on our website.
- City parks and playgrounds remain open for passive recreation only; however, safety guidelines have been implemented to keep patrons safe. Park amenities such as restrooms, sports fields, basketball, handball & volleyball courts, as well as horseshoe pits remain closed. Batting cages at Little Lake Park are also closed. Please visit our website for the park's hours of operation.

#### Older Adult Services

- SASSFA continues to provide frozen meals to the older adults who have registered. Santa Fe Springs residents may contact a Case Worker at the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center to receive assistance in securing food.
- All Older Adult Services and programs continue to be offered virtually. Please visit the website for more information.

#### City Services

- Transportation Services for seniors and persons with disabilities is still being offered.

#### Council and Committee Meetings

- City Council meetings will continue to be held by teleconference. Council Chambers are closed to the public. To access an upcoming City Council meeting telephonically or electronically, please visit the City's website at [www.santafesprings.org](http://www.santafesprings.org) for further instructions.
- The Heritage Arts Advisory Committee (HAAC) has reconvened virtually and all other City Advisory Committee meetings have been postponed until further notice. Details regarding the HAAC meeting days/times can be found on our website.

For the most recent updates regarding City operations, please visit the City's website at [www.santafesprings.org](http://www.santafesprings.org). The City of Santa Fe Springs remains committed to the safety and health of its residents during this time, and keeping the community informed is a top priority. For the latest news from the City, you may visit our website or follow social media pages at [www.facebook.com/cityofsf](https://www.facebook.com/cityofsf), [www.instagram.com/cityofsf](https://www.instagram.com/cityofsf), <https://twitter.com/cityofsf>, [nextdoor.com/cityofsantafesprings](https://www.nextdoor.com/cityofsantafesprings), [www.youtube.com/channel/CityofSantaFeSprings](https://www.youtube.com/channel/CityofSantaFeSprings).

Information about COVID-19 is changing rapidly, residents are encouraged to visit the Centers for Disease Control website at [cdc.gov](http://cdc.gov), the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health website at [publichealth.lacounty.gov](http://publichealth.lacounty.gov), or the World Health Organization at [who.int](http://who.int) to stay informed.

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