



March 13, 2020

Dear Avalon residents and business owners,

Over the last 10 weeks, the City of Avalon has been closely monitoring the novel coronavirus 2019 disease (COVID-19). We want to assure all residents and business owners that the City is in regular communication with our regional, state, and federal partners and is fully prepared to respond should a case arise. City and County Fire Departments, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, and the Catalina Island Medical Center remain engaged and are prepared to respond to COVID-19.

The health and well-being of our community is of paramount importance to the City. In order to best prepare the community and enhance public safety, the City is announcing a series of steps that we regard as a measured and sensible response to our current situation.

### Temporary Moratorium of all Cruise Ship Tenders

Effective today, March 13, 2020, the City has contacted all cruise ship lines and informed them of a temporary moratorium for all cruise ship tenders from entering Avalon Harbor waters. This will remain in effect through April 30, 2020. This moratorium is beyond the White House's recent announcement earlier this afternoon of a 30 ban on cruise ships. The City will continue to monitor and evaluate the situation and will make a determination to either extend the moratorium or lessen it.

### City Operations

City operations will continue to run during normal operating hours with staff available to provide services with the following exception(s):

- Due to the confined space, the Avalon Harbor Department will be temporarily suspending dye-tablet testing onboard all vessels. They will continue to educate the boating community about the importance of keeping Avalon Harbor waters clean and implementing best practices.

As the situation continues to evolve, the City will reassess the need to close City Hall and other facilities to the public.

### Enhanced Cleaning

The City of Avalon has implemented an enhanced cleaning schedule and sanitation efforts at all City facilities and parks. Frequently touched surfaces will be wiped down with disinfectants on a recurrent basis. The City will be posting educational signage of COVID-19 in all city facilities, public restrooms, the public shower, and on all transit vehicles.

### Events and Recreation Activities

Based on the recommendations and guidance issued by the California Governor's Office, and out of an abundance of caution in the interest of public safety, the City is canceling or postponing the following City events and recreation classes effective Monday, March 16 through April 30, 2020.



City events cancelled or postponed:

- Spring Fest on April 9 is postponed for a future date
- Community Easter Egg Hunt on April 11 has been cancelled
- Avalon Kids Park Plaque Ceremony on April 25 is postponed for a future date

City programs and activities cancelled or postponed are:

- Avalon Youth Basketball is postponed for a future date
- Spring Sessions Dance, Tumbling, Ninja, and Breakers is postponed for a future date
- Open Gym Basketball and Volleyball is postponed for a future date
- Senior Meals is postponed for a future date
- Outrigger Canoe Club on March 16 is postponed for a future date
- Prime Timers Miniature Golf and Lunch on March 20 is postponed for a future date
- Prime Timers Museum Islander Day and Lunch on March 29 has been cancelled
- Prime Timers Outdoor Twine Lanterns and Lunch on April is postponed for a future date

The City will also be implementing the following restrictions to large group gatherings in an effort to practice social distancing (keeping a 6-foot distance from each other when in public) at the following facilities:

- Tremont Hall will be limited to 50 people
- Park Rentals will be limited to 50 people
- Teen Center will be limited to the first 30 youth

The Meals on Wheels home deliveries will continue. City Staff have implemented enhanced cleaning and food handling protocols and precautions to protect our most vulnerable community members.

### Communications

To stay informed, please visit the CDC's website at [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov) for information about COVID-19 or the City's website at [www.cityofavalon.com/coronavirus](http://www.cityofavalon.com/coronavirus) for updates on what the City is doing. The City's website and Facebook page will be regularly updated to reflect cancelled or postponed events as well as provide additional information and updates on policies, programming, and procedures.

### Planning Calls

The City is hosting and participating in daily planning calls with our community leaders to provide updates, share best practices, and coordinate responses.

The City is also participating in regular planning and informational briefing phone calls with the White House, the League of California Cities, the California Governor's Office, CalOES (Office of Emergency Services), the California Department of Public Health, Los Angeles County Public Health and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, among others.



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As a reminder, please follow the following guidance from the CDC:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water is not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Stay home when you are sick if you are sick, stay home and practice self-isolation (quarantine).