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CITY ANNOUNCES CLOSURE OF CITY FACILITIES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Today the City of Simi Valley announced that City facilities, including City Hall, the Senior Center, Simi Valley Public Library, and Cultural Arts Center will remain closed until further notice. A re-evaluation of current circumstances will take place prior to the re-opening of any facilities.

The decision to extend the closure of the City’s facilities was not taken lightly. The health and safety of our residents is our highest priority and the City is taking this measure due to the unique vulnerability of Simi Valley’s senior and at-risk populations. These closures decrease the opportunity for social gatherings that can lead to the spread of the Coronavirus. This decision was made after carefully considering the latest guidance provided by Ventura County Public Health and the Stay Well at Home Order. The Coronavirus has been particularly devastating to the older population as well as those with respiratory issues and with compromised immune systems.

Meeting the needs of our residents continues to be a priority, and all City services are still available by phone and email during the closure. Please visit www.simivalley.org/covid19 for a list of departments and contact information.

Plans, permits, subpoenas, and other documents may be dropped off at City Hall Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Individuals dropping off documents will need to call the appropriate City department for a staff member to unlock the City Council Chamber Lobby doors so they may submit their documents.

The Meals on Wheels program for those seniors 60 and older who are currently enrolled continues. For those seniors who typically enjoy lunches at the Senior Center participants are able to drive-thru and pick up their meal at the Senior Center between the hours of 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Seniors are encouraged to register at (805) 583-6042. For those seniors that are transit dependent and not able to participate in the drive thru service, the City encourages them to contact the Senior Center at (805) 583-6042 so a lunch delivery can be organized for them.

The Simi Valley Library remains virtually open at simivalleylibrary.org. Library cardholders can borrow books, movies, learn a language, and more. Those who need a card can send email to askus@simivalley.org.

For the most up to date information on the Coronavirus, please visit www.vcemergency.com and the City’s Coronavirus webpage at www.simivalley.org/covid19. If you believe you are experiencing symptoms, please contact your primary health care provider for evaluation.

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