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 **City of Pasadena Cancels All Non-Essential City-Sponsored Events**

PASADENA, Calif.—The City of Pasadena is cancelling all of its “non-essential” City-sponsored events and activities until further notice. “Non-essential” events and activities would generally include recreational events and classes, educational and cultural events, census events, Community Police Academy Kids Safety Academy, Police Activities League (PAL) center activity, and community excursions. The City is not presently directing the cancellation of any events or activities sponsored by third parties, although the City is reaching out to the coordinators and providing current guidelines by the California Department of Public Health regarding mass gatherings.

Because of inquiries that have been made, it should be noted that the Pasadena Senior Center is an independent, third-party organization, not operated by the City of Pasadena, and it will be considering its course of action with respect to its own events; the City will assist the Senior Center in every way possible in its decision making and announcement process.

The present situation with COVID-19 is unprecedented and the decision to cancel City-sponsored events is consistent with what appears to be emerging as the “best practice” and the manner in which cities and other public and private institutions throughout the state are responding to COVID-19 public health concerns. The strategy is presently to limit the opportunity for people to come into contact with one another so as to limit the extent to which the COVID-19 virus can spread.

For a list cancelled events, please visit [www.cityofpasadena.net](http://www.cityofpasadena.net). The City is monitoring related developments continuously, and will continue the cancellations indefinitely until the situation changes. Therefore, the decision of when to reschedule any event has not yet been made.

Everyday precautionary measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 have proven effective in prior pandemics. Protect yourself and others from getting sick by:

* Washing hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water aren’t available, use hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
* Coughing or sneezing into a tissue or your elbow, not your hand.
* Not touching your mouth, eyes, or nose.
* Disinfecting frequently-touched surfaces often, including cell phones, light switches, doorknobs, and toilets.
* Staying home if you’re feeling sick.
* Avoiding contact with people who are sick.
* Getting your flu shot to protect against influenza.
* If you have recently returned from a [country](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html) with ongoing COVID-19 infections, follow [public health guidance](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/index.html) and monitor your health. Call your healthcare providers and inform them about your travel history if you need care.

You can also prepare for possible disruptions to daily routines that could be caused by COVID-19:

* Make sure you have a supply of all essential medications for your family;
* Make a child care plan in case you or a care giver are sick;
* Understand your employer’s policies regarding leave and options for working from home;
* Make arrangements for how your family will manage a school closure; and
* Make a plan for how you can care for a sick family member without getting sick yourself.

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