

# City of Gonzales Community Notice

## Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Updates

### City of Gonzales, Responding to Coronavirus

The City of Gonzales is currently working closely with state and local agencies to monitor and respond to COVID-19 impacts. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov), and the Monterey County Health Department's website <https://www.co.monterey.ca.us/government/departments-a-h/health> remain the best sources of information for Coronavirus updates and safety tips. We encourage the public to stay informed with reliable, timely information directly from their sites.

We understand the public's concerns, and the City of Gonzales will continue to work closely with our partner agencies and public health officials to address any issues that arise during this time. Information about actions the City of Gonzales is taking is listed below.

### What this Means for the City of Gonzales

We are working closely with the County of Monterey on this evolving situation, its potential impacts in the City of Gonzales, and how we can best support and protect our community. We're carefully reviewing the latest recommendations from the CDC and the County Health Officer as we evaluate what changes need to be made.

### **Specific information for City of Gonzales public services is as follows:**

#### Gonzales City Schools:

Effective March 16<sup>th</sup> all schools within the Gonzales Unified School District will be closed through March 31<sup>st</sup> pursuant to the directive issued from the Monterey County Office of Education, Visit their website for more updates and information, as well as tips to support your child's learning during the time they are out of school at <https://www.montereycoe.org/>.

#### City Administration:

**The City of Gonzales will continue to provide essential services.**

**Formal public meetings, including City Council and Planning Commission meetings are suspended until further notice.**

### Police and City Hall Services:

- City Hall will continue to operate to full capacity
- The Police Department will continue to operate to full capacity.
- The Fire Department will continue to operate to full capacity.
- Public Works will continue to operate to full capacity.

We do, however, ask that in order to maintain the health and safety of our staff and residents, anyone who has a fever and/or symptom of lower respiratory illness such as a cough or shortness of breath **not enter** city facilities, but rather contact us via phone at 831-675-5000. Additionally, in accordance with the social distancing recommendation, all city facilities will be monitored and regulated and will only accommodate a limited number of individuals at a time. This precautionary measure will help us keep everyone safe, while still providing you with the essential services.

### Recreation Services:

All City recreation services, programs and activities have been postponed until further notice, including:

- Kid Power After School Program
- Recreational Pre-school
- Softball
- Mini T-ball program
- Shrek Jr.

For questions and refund process please call our office at 831-675-5000.

For the time being, and to support your child's learning we are offering Facebook live activities. [Click here for more information.](#)

### **Changes to City Operations and Activities**

As we continue to monitor the situation, we have taken the following additional steps to protect local public health:

- Staff is convening daily to coordinate resources and review response plans
- Upcoming events are being reviewed and modified as necessary to protect vulnerable populations identified by public health officials; this includes information about how to receive information, submit comments and questions, or participate in city business remotely (where possible)
- Our public facilities are undergoing increasingly frequent cleaning and disinfection of commonly touched surfaces such as doors, handles, sinks, drinking fountains, counters, tables, self-service kiosks, and conference rooms
- The city website (<https://gonzalesca.gov/>) serves as our main point of information; it has been and will continue to be updated as more information becomes available with resources as we continue to work with our local and regional partners on coordinated messaging to inform, educate and respond to public needs.

## **Stay Engaged and Follow Updates**

The City of Gonzales recognizes that there are many questions regarding how this virus may affect our lives in the coming weeks and months. Planning is underway on a number of fronts to anticipate the evolution of the virus' spread. We encourage our residents, businesses and community organizations to continue to visit our page for updates and information.