

From Robert Storer - Danville Town Council

On Sunday, March 15, 2020, 9:51 PM, Robert Storer

<RStorer@danville.ca.gov> wrote:

I just participated in a number of Town Hall meetings with the State, and the medical industry since 3 pm today.

Here is the latest update from the State, and our Town Managers email is attached below
This situation has gone from epidemic to pandemic very quickly and we need to make some very difficult decisions in Danville and the surrounding areas to help flatten the curve in the next two weeks before our medical infrastructure is completely overwhelmed.

The Town of Danville is looking to initiate a State of Emergency in the Tri Valley by 5pm on Monday.

It's prudent behavior that will get us through this.

At a minimum we will see based on The Governors directive the following

- Home isolation for seniors 65+ and those with severe chronic conditions
- Bars, nightclubs , wineries to close immediately
- Restaurants reduce occupancy by 50% and use social distancing
- State is expanding hospital bed capacity leasing closed hospitals
- CC Disease control center will impose stricter standards by Monday at 5 pm
- All school are now closed and students are asked to avoid all contact for two weeks.
- All before and after school programs are closed.
- All boy scouts and girl scout organizations have been cancelled.
- All events in town have been cancelled
- Avoid travel for a minimum of 30 days
- Avoid shopping malls, gyms and any place where people gather and places where contact with the public is inevitable.
- Public transportation will be addressed this week

After being briefed by the County, the town is taking the following local actions:

- The Senior Center, both Community Centers and the Village Theatre and Art Gallery will be closed through the end of March;
- All Commission and Board meetings are cancelled through the end of March;
- The Town Council will meet on Tuesday night (3/17). However, room capacity will be limited to 40 well-spaced chairs, no scouts will be in attendance to lead the pledge and the Design Awards which were due to be presented will be continued to a future date;
- Staff will explore ways in which the Council and Commissions, Boards can meet via teleconference for the duration of this pandemic;

- Town staffing will be reduced in non-essential areas by allowing staff to work remotely; phone extension #'s will be forwarded to cell #'s so staff will continue to be accessible whether they are working in one of our buildings or remotely;
- Public access to the Town Offices and buildings will be limited at both the front counter and the Police Office;
- Geoff Gillette will be posting these changes on social media platforms this evening to inform the community.

We are asking residents to cooperate by working as much as they can from home, stay out of the parks and limit movement for the next two weeks

The town is asking all business's ,bars and social gathering places to practice social distancing and or close for the next 14 days which will either flatten the case loads or we will have our own pandemic in the Tri Valley and Contra Costa County
Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin, San Ramon and Danville.

In my opinion, this has just gone to a very serious situation.

I'm not sure how this will affect us personally, working from home and limiting contact at the office will be important for the next two weeks, and if you work in a large office environment try to do your best to work from home as much as you can and limit contact with the public for the next 14 days.

Please be smart on how we interact with the public, postpone all meetings that will potentially put you in contact with large groups and continue to do everything you can to minimize the spread of the virus. Washing your hands regularly and disinfecting surfaces will help minimize the spread.

Our Public Information Officer Geoff Gillette will keep the community updated on social media and will regularly update as information become available

If we are going to error, lets error on the side of public safety first.

Best Regards and be safe

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From: Joe Calabrigo <JCalabrigo@danville.ca.gov>

Sent: Sunday, March 15, 2020 8:21 PM

To: _Town Council <council@danville.ca.gov>;

Subject: FW: Town Actions in Light of Most Current Health Department Update regarding COVID-19

Mayor and Town Council:

Commissioners:

Town Staff:

Lots of activity and briefings today at a federal, state, county and local level. For the latest and greatest information from the CC Health Services Department, please go directly to their website at www.cchealth.org. All of the recommendations and guidelines that have been described previously on the CDC, State and CC Health Services websites continue to be emphasized. This regards anyone who may be experiencing or showing symptoms, frequent and proper handwashing, self-isolating wherever possible and maintaining a social distance of six feet or more whenever we're around other people. The new COVID-19 catch phrase is – when in doubt, don't go out.

Health Services continues to stress that this is a very serious situation. Everyone from a federal level all the way down to local has stressed the importance of the next couple of weeks in terms of slowing down the spread of the virus and flattening the curve. The Governor's actions today underscore this. Actions include closing all bars and wine tasting rooms, reducing restaurant capacity to 50% and urging the 5.3 million state residents above the age of 65 to isolate at home. Stores and supermarkets are as yet unaffected as these are considered essential services. However, people are urged to have others do the shopping if they fall into one of the risk categories (age, health condition). Also important to underscore that we should all be shopping normally, not panic buying or hoarding.

The Health officials from all nine Bay Area counties will be teleconferencing tomorrow, and we expect to see additional directives from our County Health Services Department tomorrow afternoon. Each directive issued has been progressively more restrictive.

Contra Costa County has fully activated their Emergency Operations Center (EOC), closed all libraries and is eliminating or reducing non-essential services. This includes limiting access to the county jail. The County is also opening an emergency call center. In addition to the County, five cities in Contra Costa County have declared a state of emergency and we will make that determination tomorrow with respect to Danville.

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Town staff are being contacted by their respective department heads to describe changes in work conditions or if their work schedules are being modified by these changes (i.e. they will be working from home). In addition, we are asking all of our staff to avoid gathering or congregating in common areas of the buildings in order to maximize the social spacing between people – i.e. staying 6 feet apart. Meetings are to be avoided if communication can occur either by telephone, teleconference, e-mail, etc.

Circumstances continue to be very fluid and we expect to be briefed further by County Health tomorrow. Until then, we'll all continue doing all that we can to minimize the spread of the virus.

Let me know if you have any questions. Be careful and stay healthy.

Joe

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