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Members of the Lawndale Community:

The City of Lawndale is committed to providing quality services and protecting the health and safety of its residents, businesses and visitors. To that end, we are devoted to providing the community with information regarding the COVID-19 (also known as Novel Coronavirus) pandemic.

The COVID-19 has been an ongoing global public health issue. Globally, there are 109 countries, including the United States that have confirmed at least one case of COVID-19. COVID-19 is a virus that spreads from person-to-person or from contact with contaminated surfaces or objects. COVID-19 can be asymptomatic, showing little to no signs of infection. Therefore, it is best to exercise caution and stay home if you have symptoms such as: coughing, fever, difficulty breathing, sore throat, runny nose or other respiratory conditions. If you are experiencing such illness, please seek immediate medical attention.

The County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health and the City is encouraging all residents to practice preventative health and hygiene precautions, such as:

- Stay home when you are sick and avoid contact with others who may be sick.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unclean/unwashed hands.
- Limit close contact, like kissing and sharing cups or utensils, with people who are sick.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash. If you do not have a tissue, use your sleeve (not your hands). Immediately wash your hands.
- Do not travel while sick.
- If you must travel, check the CDC’s Traveler’s Health Notices and website for the latest guidance and precautions before doing so.
- Maintain at least a distance of 6 feet between yourself and anyone who is coughing or sneezing. Avoid shaking hands.

As with any potential public health issue, we want to make sure that the public is informed and equipped with the most up to date information to ensure that safety precautions are taken to slow down and help prevent the transmission of COVID-19 and other respiratory viruses. However, if you are experiencing a medical emergency please dial 911.
The City is closely monitoring and staying informed regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. The City will take the necessary precautions and respond accordingly to continue to ensure the health and safety of its residents and the community. However, it is important for you to do your part to also stay informed, follow appropriate public hygiene practices, and protect yourself, family, and community.

For more information regarding the COVID-19, visit:

- The County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health website: http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/
- The World Health Organization website: https://www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus

Please monitor our website at www.lawndalecity.org for possible cancellation of events and meetings, and modifications to City operations.

On behalf of the Lawndale City Council, I wish you all the best of health.

Sincerely,

Robert Pullen-Miles
Mayor