



## TOWN OF LOS GATOS

# Press Release

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### TOWN OF LOS GATOS PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY

**Los Gatos, CA** – On March 12, 2020, Town Manager and Director of Emergency Services Laurel Prevetti, issued a Proclamation of Local Emergency in response to the global Coronavirus pandemic and its spread in the Santa Clara County community. This is an important step in allowing the Town to better prepare and coordinate emergency resources in the event that presence of the virus increases within our Los Gatos community.

“Maintaining the health and safety of all Town residents and employees is our first priority,” said Mayor Marcia Jensen. “Even before the emergency Proclamation was issued, Los Gatos has been proactively following all health guidance and directives issued by the County Department of Public Health.” Some of these measures include notification to our faith and community-based organizations, with an emphasis on those interacting with vulnerable populations, regarding public health guidelines. The Town has also implemented enhanced cleaning of municipal facilities, pushed out information about County Guidelines to the public through Town social media, and canceled Town-sponsored events and non-essential employee travel, and has modified public spaces and Town work environments to ensure “social distancing” as needed for the duration of the emergency.

“Given the new guidance released today the Town will be taking additional measures to safeguard our community while we continue to monitor the situation closely. Unfortunately, these measures will require closing some much-loved facilities and events, but we ask for your patience and understanding as we work to protect everyone’s safety.” said Mayor Jensen. As a result, in addition to community mitigation measures already in place the Town will be closing its Library to the public starting tomorrow, March 14<sup>th</sup>. Library Director Ryan Baker is currently working to put together interim programs to make library resources available during the closure which will be announced once plans are formulated.

Finally, the Town has also canceled all public meetings for the week of March 16th through March 20th with the exception of the March 17th Council meeting, which will be restricted to consent items only. While, as always, the Town welcomes comment on all matters, we encourage the public to abide by Public Health guidance to avoid public gatherings for the duration of the emergency period.

For more information on public health guidance and other important information, visit <https://www.sccgov.org/sites/phd/DiseaseInformation/novel-coronavirus/Pages/home.aspx>

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