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COVID-19 UPDATE: State Declaration Signed, Unemployment Information and More

BOULDER CITY – Mayor Kiernan McManus took another step to protect Boulder City residents during the COVID-19 outbreak. He officially signed a Declaration of a State of Emergency, effective March 15 through April 30, 2020. The Declaration can be read here: https://www.bcnv.org/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=162. It requires ratification by City Council during the next public meeting.

“This is the first step in making sure that Boulder City has access to any assistance that is made available by the State and federal government,” said Mayor McManus. “This aid could be helpful in the coming weeks. I have every confidence in the efforts of City staff and the State to address the needs of our residents.”

Governor Steve Sisolak instructed the Nevada Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation (DETR), Employment Security Division to waive the work search requirement and the 7-day wait period for approved unemployment insurance benefits. The Governor made the announcement on Facebook Wednesday evening. “The Governor’s decision is welcome news as many of our residents have been concerned about furloughs and lay-offs,” said Al Noyola. “The City’s Community Development staff have been in touch with local businesses to share information as warranted.” The City has links to information on unemployment posted on the webpage dedicated to coronavirus news and updates: www.bcnv.org/COVID-19.

Albertson’s Grocery Store in Boulder City has shifted hours due to the outbreak, closing nightly to restock shelves. The store now offers special hours for people with immune system issues, with physical impairments, and/or who are elderly: 6 a.m. through 9 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. “I believe our seniors will appreciate the opportunity to visit the store when the number of people may be lower,” Mayor McManus added.

The City has started a database for those who want to volunteer to assist: email the City at mmays@bcnv.org to add your name, contact information (email and phone) and how you can help. “If you are physically able and healthy, please help us protect our most vulnerable residents,” said Emergency Manager/Fire Chief William Gray. “One of the strengths of Boulder City is how neighbors help their neighbors in times of need. Call, email or talk to your neighbors and make sure they have food and supplies, especially if they live alone or are elderly.”

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Please see the highlighted changes to information previously released by Boulder City:

1. All City Council, Committee and commission meetings and workshops are postponed through April 1, 2020, unless City Council calls for a Special Meeting. (Date subject to change based on Governor’s guidance.)

2. The Big Clean (March 28) is postponed pending further notice.

3. City Hall and all City buildings are closed to public access through April 1 (date subject to change based on Governor’s guidance). Items may be dropped off at the front security station. While staff is working on site, we ask that non-emergency business be handled by email or phone only. You can call City Hall at 702.293.9329 during regular business hours, with limited hours on Friday and Saturday, or use the staff directory at www.bcnv.org/Directory.aspx.

4. Utility, business license and permit payments can be made at the back window of City Hall (located in the alley between the Rec Building and City Hall). As a reminder, payments can be made online at www.bcnv.org, where you can also set up autopay.

5. Police fingerprint services (for background checks) are temporarily suspended, and Nevada DMV services provided at the Police Department are suspended in alignment with the State.

6. The Clark County School District (CCSD) will continue providing breakfast and lunch to any child during the closure of Nevada schools. Student food distribution pods are open from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Monday through Friday. Through Friday, March 20, food can be picked up at Boulder City High School, behind the cafeteria. EFFECTIVE MONDAY, MARCH 23, the pickup location will change to Mitchell Elementary School. A child must accompany you for pick-up (may remain in car.) Food distribution locations and times are being updated at https://ccsd.nutrislice.com/menu.

7. Boulder City Hospital, the Southern Nevada State Veterans Home, and all nursing homes in Boulder City are restricting visitors. Please check with each location by phone for more information. "Virtual Visits” Now Available at Nevada State Veterans Homes – learn more at http://gov.nv.gov/News/Press/2020/ICYMI__%E2%80%9CVirtual_Visits%E2%80%9D_Now_Available_at_Nevada_State_Veterans_Homes/.

8. As part of the City opening the EOC, staff members are coordinating with local volunteers to help those in need.

9. All special events are closed in City parks and facilities through April 16. Our 17 parks are still open for kids and adults to get outdoors. Parks are open from 5 a.m. until 10 p.m. and bathrooms are open to the public during those times. We ask that residents maintain social distancing (6-feet apart) and wash their hands (or their children’s hands) while using the parks.

10. The State has been added to the Small Business Administration disaster area list. Learn more at: https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/.

11. At this time, all employees of Boulder City are considered vital to the operations of the City and must continue to report to work. Essential City services, including trash pick-up, will continue as scheduled.

12. Follow information Statewide on social media platforms at #StayHomeForNevada

Other temporary closures include:

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