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COVID-19: Governor Orders Non-essential Businesses to Close

BOULDER CITY – Governor Steve Sisolak used his gubernatorial power to order all “non-essential businesses” to close by midnight tonight and remain closed until April 16. Boulder City staff is working to make sure that residents and business owners understand the gravity of this evolving situation and to protect and serve the community. Non-essential includes (but is not limited to):

- Casinos
- Theaters
- Gyms and Rec Centers
- Shopping malls
- Bars and clubs
- Dine-in restaurants
- Hair Salons and Spas
- Bowling Alleys
- Skating Rinks
- Museums

Entertainment and hospitality including:

- Strip Clubs and Brothels
- Concert venues
- Arenas
- Auditoriums
- Stadiums
- Large conference rooms
- Meeting Halls
- Cafeterias

The order takes effect at midnight. “I have talked to dozens of people in Boulder City who are frightened about COVID-19, and frankly for good reason,” said Mayor Kiernan McManus. “The impact on our small businesses will be painful, and for that, my heart aches. I realize these are drastic measures, but this pandemic is uncharted waters for us all.”

“When the Governor issued this order today, he made it incumbent on all of us to take steps to protect our community,” said City Manager Al Noyola. “We have not only a civil responsibility to enforce the order, but also a moral obligation.”

The order gives cities the ability to levy civil penalties, including fines and revocation of licenses for those who violate the order. “We feel for the hundreds of business owners impacted by this,” said Emergency Manager/Fire Chief Will Gray. “I believe every business owner in Boulder City will follow this order to protect the people in our community.”

Boulder City plans to communicate with business leaders throughout the weekend. If you see a business that is open and should not be, please call 702.293.9224 or file a complaint on our website: www.bcnv.org/634/Complaints.

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Here are the Essential Businesses as defined by the State:

- Health Care Facilities/Operations
- Law enforcement agencies
- Supermarkets and Grocery Stores
- Pharmacies
- Convenience Stores and Discount Stores
- Hardware Stores
- Gas Stations and Truck Stops
- Garbage collection companies
- Utilities
- Child Care/Daycare Facilities - operating in accordance within requirements set forth by their licensing authorities and COVID-19 guidance
- Auto-mechanic shops
- Home Maintenance/Repair Services
- Construction and Repair/Services
- Restaurants providing delivery, drive-through and/or carry-out
- Banks
- Laundromats
- Post Office/ FedEx/ UPS
- Fire Department
- Veterinary Hospitals and Pet Stores
- Big-Box stores
- Transportation
- Logistics and Supply Chain Operations (Warehouses, Storage and Distribution Facilities)
- Essential stays in hotels, commercial lodging, dormitories, shelters and homeless encampments
- Food processing facilities
- Agriculture, livestock and feed mills

The City has links to information posted on a webpage dedicated to coronavirus news and updates: www.bcnv.org/COVID-19.

Please see the information previously released by Boulder City:

2. All City Council, Committee and commission meetings and workshops are postponed through April 16, 2020, unless City Council calls for a Special Meeting. (Date subject to change based on Governor’s guidance.)
3. The Big Clean (March 28) is postponed pending further notice.
4. City Hall and all City buildings are closed to public access through April 16 (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.
5. 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.

6. 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.

7. Nevadans seeking Unemployment Insurance Benefits are highly encouraged to file online at http://ui.nv.gov/css.html.

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

9. Albertson's Grocery Store in Boulder City is closing nightly to restock shelves. The store 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.

10. 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/.

11. 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.

12. 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.

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

14. 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.

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

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**Other temporary closures include:**

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