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LAGUNA NIGUEL ANNOUNCES PRECAUTIONARY ACTIONS AMID CONCERNS SURROUNDING COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS)

Laguna Niguel, CA – Due to the recent concerns surrounding COVID-19 (Coronavirus) and in line with County, State, and Federal guidelines and recommendations, the City of Laguna Niguel, in an abundance of caution, will be postponing or canceling non-essential City events, community gatherings, and engagements involving more than 250 people, and in many cases, those with less than 250 people, until further notice. The City encourages residents and visitors to consider doing the same with their planned private events, especially those that serve a sensitive population.

Additionally, in an abundance of caution, the City of Laguna Niguel has announced the temporary closure of the Sea Country Senior and Community Center, beginning Friday, March 13, 2020 at 4:00 P.M., until further notice. City Hall remains open at this time.

Although the Sea Country Senior and Community Center will be temporarily closed, regular participants of the Senior Lunch Program may choose to pick-up a box lunch Monday – Friday between the hours of 10:30 A.M. – 11:30 A.M. or enroll in the Meals on Wheels program. Senior Lunch Program participants will be informed of these options by City staff or Age Well Services staff. Seniors without internet access are encouraged to call Sea Country Senior and Community Center for updates at (949) 425-5151 between the hours of 9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M., Monday – Friday.

Mayor Laurie Davies stated, “The health, safety, and security of Laguna Niguel residents is our utmost priority and responsibility. My colleagues and I on the City Council care deeply about all of our residents and visitors, especially our most vulnerable. Following the guidance of the County of Orange, State of California, and Federal Government, we must take these necessary actions in order to protect the well-being of our friends, family, neighbors and visitors. We greatly appreciate the understanding and cooperation from all residents and visitors impacted by this decision.”

City Manager Tamara Letourneau added, “The City of Laguna Niguel will continue to evaluate this situation each and every day and will continue to provide consistent up-to-date information to our residents. We will continue to make every effort necessary to protect this community and ensure the safety of all residents and City personnel. We strongly encourage residents to avoid non-essential gatherings, practice good hygiene, and exercise preventative actions.”

According to the California Department of Public Health, the timely implementation of aggressive strategies that create social distance and those that reduce close contact of people not regularly together, including limiting gatherings, has proven effective in prior pandemics at delaying rates of transmission and reducing illness and even death. For current updates regarding COVID-19 (Coronavirus) and tips on preventing the spread of respiratory viruses, such as Coronavirus, please visit the Orange County Health Care Agency webpage: www.ochealthinfo.com/novelcoronavirus.

For City-specific information and updates regarding COVID-19 (Coronavirus), please visit the City of Laguna Niguel webpage: www.cityoflagunaniguel.org/coronavirus.

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