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COUNTY OF ORANGE RELEASES DATA ON CONFIRMED COVID-19 CASES BY CITY; LAGUNA NIGUEL EFFORTS TO PREVENT SPREAD WELL UNDERWAY

Laguna Niguel, CA – On Friday, March 27, 2020, the County of Orange Health Care Agency announced the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) city-by-city throughout Orange County. Through the release of this data, the City of Laguna Niguel has been made aware of 11 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Laguna Niguel, out of 321 total, as of March 27, 2020. City data is reflective of where confirmed cases live, not necessarily where transmission of the virus occurred. City case counts should not be interpreted to reflect where transmission is geographically focused, but instead should show that COVID-19 is present in all communities in the County.

In a concerted effort to help slow the spread of COVID-19, the City of Laguna Niguel has put in place several preventative and precautionary measures dating back to Thursday, March 12, 2020. These actions include:

- **March 12, 2020:** Postponement or cancellation of all City events, gatherings, and engagements. Announced closure of the Sea Country Senior and Community Center until further notice with Senior Meal Programs continuing.
- **March 16, 2020:** City Manager/Director of Emergency Services executed an Existence of Local Emergency Proclamation.
- **March 16, 2020:** Temporarily closed all City facilities, Park restrooms and Skate Park until further notice.
- **March 16, 2020:** Activated the City Emergency Operations Center (EOC)
- **March 17, 2020:** City Council unanimously ratified the Proclamation of the Existence of a Local Emergency.
- **March 24, 2020:** Closed all outdoor active recreation areas including park playgrounds, sports facilities, and the Laguna Niguel Pooch Park until further notice.
- **Ongoing:** Throughout this health crisis, the City has provided its residents with up-to-date information and resources. In addition, on March 16 and March 20, the City released video updates from Mayor Laurie Davies on COVID-19. On March 21, the City released a video update from City Manager Tamara Letourneau describing available essential City services.

Mayor Laurie Davies stated, “The City will continue to follow the guidelines, recommendations, and directives of the County of Orange, State of California, and Federal government in order to do its part to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and flatten the curve. We will continue to put in to place any preventative measure that will assist in ending this health crisis. We ask that the residents of the City of Laguna Niguel continue to abide by the Governor’s Executive Stay-At-Home Order, unless for essential errands or work, practice social distancing and good hygiene, and utilize the resources that are available to residents and businesses. Through cooperation and compassion, we will get through this together. On behalf of the entire City Council we wish a speedy and full recovery to all Laguna Niguel residents whose health is impacted by COVID-19.

For City-specific up-to-date information, resources, and services, please visit the City’s website at www.cityoflagunaniguel.org, call (949) 362-4300, or engage with the City on Facebook, Twitter, and Nextdoor.

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