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County closes several public attractions and public offices



In an effort to slow the spread of novel coronavirus, several County-operated attractions will close temporarily and several county departments will offer services only online and over the phone, closing their public offices until at least April 3, effective immediately.

"We have a responsibility to do everything we can to limit the spread of the virus while still providing access to the County services people need," said Board of Supervisors Chairman Curt Hagman.

The following County attractions are closed to the public until at least April 3:

- Big Bear Alpine Zoo at Moonridge
- County branch libraries
- County museums and historical sites
- County Regional Parks, including Calico Ghost Town
- Park and recreation district preschools in Big Bear and Joshua Tree
- The following senior and community centers (centers that conduct meal programs will make meals available via drive-thru)
 - Big Bear Senior Center
 - Bloomington Ayala Senior Center
 - Joshua Tree Community Center
 - Lucerne Valley Community Center
 - Wonder Valley Community Center

Services for the following County departments and offices will be available only by phone and online. Offices will be closed to the public:

- Assessor, including wedding services
- Child Support Services
- Land Use Services, which includes Planning, Building and Safety, and Code Enforcement
- Public Works, with the exception of lobby computer access to surveyor records
- Registrar of Voters, with the exception of election observers
- Special Districts Water and Sanitation
- Transitional Assistance
- Veterans' Affairs

Additional measures may be taken and announced to the public in the coming days.

For information about the coronavirus crisis, visit the County's coronavirus website at <http://wp.sbcountry.gov/dph/coronavirus/>, email the County at coronavirus@dph.sbcountry.gov, or contact the coronavirus public information line from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday at 909-387-3911.