

San Bernardino County expands virus closures



SAN BERNARDINO - (INT) - In an effort to slow the spread of novel coronavirus, almost all San Bernardino County departments are offering services only online and over the phone, closing their public offices until at least April 3.

"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.

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

- * Agriculture/Weights & Measures
- * Assessor- Recorder-Clerk
- * Auditor-Controller/Treasurer/Tax Collector
- * Child Support Services
- * Children's Network
- * Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
- * Community Development and Housing Agency
- * County Fire and Fire Marshal
- * District Attorney
- * Economic Development
- * Human Resources
- * Inland Counties Emergency Medical Agency (ICEMA)
- * Land Use Services, which includes Planning, Building and Safety, and Code Enforcement
- * Public Works, with the exception of lobby computer access to surveyor records
- * Purchasing
- * Registrar of Voters, with the exception of election observers by appointment only
- * Risk Management
- * Special Districts Water and Sanitation
- * Transitional Assistance
- * Veterans Affairs
- * Workforce Development, however, in-person appointments will be conducted only when necessary

The following County attractions and services 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 preschool in Joshua Tree
- * The following senior and community centers (centers that conduct meal programs will make meals available via drive-thru)

- o Big Bear Senior Center
- o Bloomington Ayala Senior Center
- o Joshua Tree Community Center
- o Lucerne Valley Community Center
- o Wonder Valley Community Center

For information about the coronavirus crisis, visit the County's coronavirus website at <http://wp.sbcounty.gov/dph/coronavirus/>
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