



CITY OF FORT BRAGG

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FORT BRAGG CITY MANAGER DECLARES LOCAL EMERGENCY

In response to the continued spread of COVID-19 in California and counties surrounding Mendocino County, City Manager, Tabatha Miller, declared a local emergency (attached) late this morning. The City has been operating under Mendocino County's, the State of California's and the Federal Government's emergency declarations. The City Manager made the decision to declare the local emergency in response to the Mendocino County Health Official's Order of March 16, 2020. That Order imposed a countywide moratorium on gatherings of 50 or more persons, a conditional moratorium on gatherings between 10-50 people and recommended countywide to sheltering in place. While there are currently ZERO confirmed COVID-19 cases in Mendocino County, the County Health Official has stated that with expanded testing and spread of the virus that is very likely to change in the next few days.

These actions are taken to mitigate or slow the spread of COVID-19 in order to protect the health of our citizens, particularly those over 65 years of age or with compromised health conditions. The City's Declaration provides the City of Fort Bragg additional powers and duties during the emergency. Most significant, the Declaration makes Public Health Experts' recommendations mandatory within the boundaries of the City of Fort Bragg and allows City officials to enforce the County Health Official's orders. Key points from the Mendocino County Health Official's March 16, 2020 Order include:

1. Nonessential public or private gatherings of 50 or more people are prohibited.
2. Nonessential public or private gatherings of between 10 and 50 persons are prohibited unless all COVID-19 risk mitigation measures are implemented.

A nonessential gathering is any event or convening that brings together ten (10) or more persons in a single room or single space at the same time, such as an auditorium, stadium, arena, conference room, meeting hall, cafeteria, theater, restaurant, bar, or any other confined indoor or confined outdoor space. **Please note that this includes restaurants, which are now limited to delivery and take-out service ONLY.** Nonessential gatherings do not include office environments, classrooms, medical offices, hospitals, clinics; or retail, pharmacy, or grocery stores.

3. Shelter in Place. It is recommended that all individuals living in Mendocino County shelter in place in their place of residence. This means only leaving your residence for Essential Activities, Essential Governmental Functions or to operate Essential Businesses. Anytime you leave your residence, maintain social distancing of at least six feet distance from any other person. **Note: while this is currently a recommendation and not a mandate, the Mendocino County Health Official has stated that if a case of COVID-19 is confirmed in Mendocino County this will likely be made mandatory.**

Essential Activities are activities or performing tasks essential to health and safety, or to the health and safety of family or household members. Examples include obtaining medical supplies, medication or visiting a health care professional; obtain necessary supplies or services including food (human and pet) and other necessary household supplies; and to engage in outdoor activities such as walking, hiking or running (while maintaining social distancing requirements); and to care for family member or pet.

Essential Business include: healthcare operations and essential infrastructure; stores selling food and household consumer products; food cultivation businesses; businesses providing food and shelter for economically disadvantaged; newspapers, television, radio and other media services; gas stations, auto supply and repair facilities; banks and financial institutions; hardware stores; plumbers, electricians, exterminators and other essential sanitation service providers; mailing and shipping services; education institutions; laundromats; drycleaners and laundry services; restaurants serving only delivery or carryout; businesses that provide services for people to work from home; businesses that deliver these products; taxis and other transportation; home-based care for seniors, adults and children; and childcare facilities for essential employees.

Please be aware that violations or a failure to comply with the County's Order is a misdemeanor punishable by fine, imprisonment or both. This press release serves as a summary of the County's Order only. Please refer to the Mendocino Health Official's [March 16, 2020 Order](#) for detailed definitions and more information.

Questions regarding this information should be directed to Tabatha Miller, City Manager, at tmiller@fortbragg.com or (707) 961-2823.



CIUDAD DE FORT BRAGG

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PARA ENTREGA INMEDIATA

La Ciudad de Fort Bragg Declara Emergencia Local

En respuesta a la continua propagación del Coronavirus COVID-19 en California y los condados que rodean el condado de Mendocino, la manejadora de la ciudad, Tabatha Miller, declaró una emergencia local esta mañana. La ciudad ha estado operando bajo las declaraciones de emergencia del condado de Mendocino, el estado de California y las del gobierno federal. La manejadora de la Ciudad tomó la decisión de declarar la emergencia local en respuesta a la Orden del 16 de marzo 2020 que impuso la Oficial de Salud del Condado de Mendocino. Esa Orden impuso una suspensión en todo el condado de reuniones de 50 o más personas, una suspensión condicional en las reuniones entre 10-50 personas. y recomendó a todo el condado a albergarse en sus hogares. Actualmente seguimos a CERO casos confirmados de COVID-19 en el condado de Mendocino, la oficial de salud del condado comento que con las pruebas ampliadas y la propagación del virus es muy probable que nuestra situación cambie en los próximos días.

Estas medidas se toman para mitigar o retrasar la propagación o riesgo de COVID-19 a fin de proteger la salud de nuestros ciudadanos, en particular los mayores de 65 años o con condiciones de salud comprometidas. La Declaración de la Ciudad otorga a la Ciudad de Fort Bragg poderes y deberes adicionales durante la emergencia. Lo más significativo es que la Declaración hace que las recomendaciones de los expertos en salud pública sean obligatorias dentro de los límites de la ciudad de Fort Bragg y permite a los funcionarios de la ciudad hacer cumplir las órdenes del funcionario de salud del condado. Los puntos clave de la orden del 16 de marzo de 2020 del funcionario de salud del condado de Mendocino incluyen:

1. Se prohíben las reuniones públicas o privadas no esenciales de 50 o más personas.
2. Se prohíben las reuniones públicas o privadas no esenciales de entre 10 y 50 personas a menos que se implementen todas las medidas de mitigación de riesgos COVID-19.

Una reunión no esencial es cualquier evento o reunión que reúna a diez (10) o más personas en una habitación individual o en un espacio único al mismo tiempo, como un auditorio, estadio, arena, sala de conferencias, sala de reuniones, cafetería, teatro, restaurante, bar o cualquier otro espacio cerrado interior o exterior cerrado. Tenga en cuenta que esto incluye restaurantes, que ahora están limitados a la entrega y servicio de comida para llevar SOLAMENTE. Las reuniones no esenciales NO incluyen lugares

de oficinas, salones educativos, consultorios médicos, hospitales, clínicas; o tiendas de abarrotes/comida, farmacias o supermercados.

3. Refugio en su hogar. Se recomienda que todas las personas que viven en el condado de Mendocino se refugien en su lugar de residencia. Esto significa solo abandonar su residencia por actividades esenciales, funciones gubernamentales esenciales o para operar negocios esenciales. Cada vez que salga de su residencia, mantenga un distanciamiento social de al menos seis pies de distancia de cualquier otra persona. Nota: mientras esto es actualmente una recomendación y no un mandato, la funcionaria de salud del condado de Mendocino ha declarado que si se confirma un caso de COVID-19 en el condado de Mendocino, es probable que sea obligatorio.

Las actividades esenciales son actividades o realizar tareas esenciales para la salud y la seguridad, o para la salud y seguridad de los miembros de su familia o del hogar. Los ejemplos incluyen obtener suministros médicos, medicamentos o visitar a un profesional de la salud; obtener los suministros o servicios necesarios, incluyendo alimentos (humanos y/o para mascotas) y otros suministros domésticos necesarios; y para participar en actividades al aire libre como caminar o correr (manteniendo los requisitos de distanciamiento social); y para cuidar a un familiar o mascota.

Los negocios esenciales incluyen: centros de atención médica e infraestructura esencial; tiendas que venden alimentos y productos de consumo doméstico; empresas de cultivo de alimentos; negocios que proveen comida y refugio para personas económicamente desfavorecidas; periódicos, televisión, radio y otros servicios de medios; estaciones de servicio, instalaciones de autoservicios y reparación; bancos e instituciones financieras; ferreterías; plomeros, electricistas, exterminadores y otros proveedores de servicios esenciales de saneamiento; servicios de correo y envío; instituciones educativas; lavanderías tintorerías y servicios de lavandería; restaurantes que solo sirven entregas o para llevar; negocios que brindan servicios para que las personas trabajen desde casa; empresas que entregan estos productos; taxis y otros medios de transporte; atención domiciliaria para personas mayores, adultos y niños; e instalaciones de cuidado infantil para empleados esenciales.

Tenga en cuenta que las violaciones o el incumplimiento de la Orden del Condado es un delito menor sancionable con una multa, encarcelamiento o ambos. Este comunicado de prensa sirve solo como un resumen de la Orden del Condado. Consulte la Orden del 16 de marzo de 2020 del Oficial de Salud de Mendocino para obtener definiciones detalladas y más información.

Preguntas relacionadas con esta información deben dirigirse a Tabatha Miller, Gerente de la Ciudad, al correo electrónico tmiller@fortbragg.com o llamando al (707) 961-2829.

PROCLAMATION NO. CM-2020-01

**A PROCLAMATION BY THE CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF FORT BRAGG,
CALIFORNIA, ACTING AS THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES,
DECLARING THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, Fort Bragg Municipal Code Section 2.24.040(B) empowers the City Manager as Director of Emergency Services for the City of Fort Bragg, to declare the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when the City is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity; and

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 8550 et seq., including Section 8558(c), authorize the City Manager to proclaim a local emergency when the City is threatened by conditions of disaster or extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the City that are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the City; and

WHEREAS, a novel coronavirus, COVID-19, causes infectious disease and was first detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China in December 2019. Symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough, and shortness of breath; outcomes have ranged from mild to severe illness, and, in some cases, death. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has indicated the virus is a tremendous public health threat; and

WHEREAS, Chinese health officials have reported tens of thousands of cases of COVID-19 in China, with the virus reportedly spreading from person-to-person. COVID-19 illnesses, most of them associated with travel from Wuhan, are also being reported in 117 countries, with over 44,000 cases, including the United States; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared the outbreak a “public health emergency of international concern” and on March 11, 2020, the WHO elevated the public health emergency to the status of a pandemic. On January 31, 2020, United States Health and Human Services Secretary Alex M. Azar II declared a public health emergency for the United States to aid the nation’s healthcare community in responding to COVID-19. On March 4, 2020 the County of Mendocino declared a local emergency and a local health emergency. On March 4, 2020, California Governor Gavin Newsom declared a State of Emergency in California; and

WHEREAS, on February 2, 2020, the federal government initiated the suspension of entry of foreign nationals who were in China during the 14-day period preceding their entry or attempted entry into the United States. United States citizens, residents, and their immediate family members who were in China during the 14-day period preceding their entry into the United States are permitted entry, but are redirected to one of 11 airports where the CDC has quarantine stations to undergo health screening. Depending on their health and travel history, they will have some level of restrictions on their movements for 14 days from the time they left China. On February 29, 2020, the President expanded restrictions to include all aliens who were physically present within the Islamic Republic of Iran during the 14-day period preceding their entry or attempted entry into the United States, with additional restrictions being imposed on travel from Europe as of March 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, as of March 12, 2020, the WHO reported that, to date, there have been 125,048 confirmed cases of COVID-19, 4,613 of which resulted in death, across 117 countries; and

WHEREAS, in declaring a State of Emergency, the Governor indicated that, as of March 4, 2020, there were 129 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the United States, including 53 in California, and more than 9,400 Californians across 49 counties in home monitoring based on possible travel-based exposure to the virus, with officials expecting the number of cases in California, the United States, and worldwide to increase; and

WHEREAS, the Governor and the California Department of Health on March 11, 2020 issued a statement entitled "California Public Health Experts: Mass Gatherings Should be Postponed or Canceled Statewide to Slow the Spread of COVID-19," determining that gatherings should be postponed or canceled across the state until at least the end of March. Non-essential gatherings must be limited to no more than 250 people, while smaller events can proceed only if the organizers can implement social distancing of 6 feet per person. Gatherings of individuals who are at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19 should be limited to no more than 10 people, while also following social distancing guidelines. Furthermore, essential gatherings should only be conducted if the essential activity could not be postponed or achieved without gathering, meaning

that some other means of communication could not be used to conduct the essential function; and

WHEREAS, the Governor on March 12, 2020 issued Executive Order N-25-20, ordering, inter alia, that all residents are to heed the orders and guidance of state and local public health officials; and

WHEREAS; on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States issued a proclamation declaring the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States as a national emergency, beginning March 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS; on March 16, 2020, the Health Officer of the County of Mendocino imposed a moratorium on gatherings of more than 50 persons and a conditional countywide moratorium on gatherings between 10 and 50 people and recommending shelter in place; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Bragg has the power to impose measures to promote social distancing including but not limited to limitations on public events; and

WHEREAS, conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen due to the potential introduction of COVID-19 to Fort Bragg and Mendocino County; and

WHEREAS, such conditions are beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the City and require the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative to prepare for and respond to suspected or confirmed COVID-19 cases, to implement measures to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, and to prepare to respond to an increasing number of individuals requiring medical care and hospitalization; and

WHEREAS, if COVID-19 spreads in California at a rate comparable to the rate of spread in other countries, the number of persons requiring medical care may exceed locally available resources, and controlling outbreaks minimizes the risk to the public, maintains the health and safety of the community, and limits the spread of infection in the community and within the healthcare delivery system; and

WHEREAS, the mobilization of local resources, ability to coordinate interagency response, accelerate procurement of vital supplies, use mutual aid, and allow for future

reimbursement by the state and federal governments will be critical to successfully responding to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager, as the City's Director of Emergency Services, has the power to declare a local emergency as authorized by Government Code section 8630 and Fort Bragg Municipal Code section 2.24.040(B).

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED by the City Manager, the Director of Emergency Services for the City of Fort Bragg, as follows:

- A. As contemplated in the Emergency Services Act contained in Government Code Section 8550 et seq., including Section 8558(c), and Chapter 2.24 of the Fort Bragg Municipal Code, a local emergency exists based on the existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property caused by an epidemic, as detailed in the recitals set forth above.
- B. The area of the City which is endangered/imperiled is the entire City.
- C. During the existence of this local emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the emergency organization of this City shall be those prescribed by state law and by ordinances, resolutions, and orders of this City, including but not limited to the City of Fort Bragg emergency operations plan and Chapter 2.24 of the Fort Bragg Municipal Code.
- D. The City Council shall review and ratify this proclamation within 7 days as required by state law, and if ratified, shall continue to exist until the City Council proclaims the termination of this local emergency. The City Council shall review the need for continuing the local emergency as required by state law until it terminates the local emergency, and shall terminate the local emergency at the earliest possible date that conditions warrant.
- E. The City of Fort Bragg orders that, within the boundaries of the City of Fort Bragg, the Public Health Experts' recommendations shall be deemed mandatory.
- F. A copy of this proclamation be forwarded to the Director of California Governor's Office of Emergency Services requesting that the Director find it acceptable in accordance with State Law; that the Governor of California,

pursuant to the Emergency Services Act, issue a proclamation declaring an emergency in the City of Fort Bragg; that the Governor waive regulations that may hinder response and recovery efforts; that recovery assistance be made available under the California Disaster Assistance Act; and that the State expedite access to State and Federal resources and any other appropriate federal disaster relief programs.

PROCLAIMED this 17th day of March, 2020.

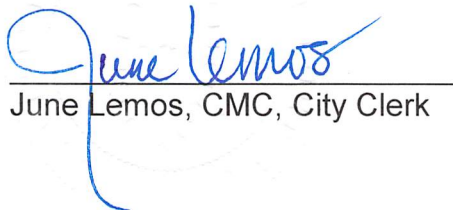


Tabatha Miller, City Manager
Director of Emergency Services,
City of Fort Bragg

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Keith Collins, City Attorney

ATTEST:



June Lemos, CMC, City Clerk

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