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City of Ventura temporarily closes facilities and suspends programs due to rise in COVID-19 cases

Ventura, Calif. – Due to increased COVID-19 cases countywide, the City of Ventura will temporarily close all City facilities and cancel most in-person recreational programming and services, effective Monday, January 3 through Sunday, January 16, 2022.

The City will review cases in mid-January and revaluate when it's safe to reopen to the public and resume programming.

"After careful consideration and out of an abundance of caution, we have decided to close all City facilities and suspend programs due to the spike in COVID-19 cases," said Assistant City Manager Akbar Alikhan. "The health and safety of our community members and City employees continues to be our top priority. This temporary closure allows critical services and operations to continue while minimizing opportunities where transmission may be possible."

Temporary facility closures include Ventura City Hall, the lobby at Fire and Police Headquarters, Sanjon Maintenance Yard, Ventura Avenue Adult Center, Barranca Vista Center, Westpark Community Center, Ortega Adobe, and the Olivas Adobe. Senior nutrition meals will be available for pickup on-site at the Ventura Avenue Adult Center.

Most in-person sports, recreation, and community service programs are canceled until further notice. For questions about upcoming parks and recreation services, call (805) 658-4726 or visit www.CityofVentura.ca.gov/ParksRec.

Facilities that remain open with safety protocols include the Ventura Aquatic Center, Buenaventura Golf Course, and the Olivas Links Golf Course. Ventura City Council, Commission, and Committee meetings will continue to meet virtually during regularly scheduled times.

In addition, all public safety services will continue regular 24/7 operations. For Ventura Water questions, visit www.venturawater.net or call customer care at (805) 667-6500. For a water emergency, contact (805) 650-8010.

City employees are available to address questions by phone and email during regular business hours starting January 3.

For information about how to get vaccinated, visit www.vaccines.gov or make an appointment directly at MyTurn.CA.gov. The Public Health clinic schedule is available at www.vcrecovers.org/vaccine. Additionally, there are 14 no cost state testing sites in Ventura County. Visit www.vcrecovers.org/testing for more information about testing.

For additional information on City of Ventura services, visit www.CityofVentura.ca.gov.

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