



WESTMINSTER

March 16, 2020

Dear Westminster Community,

As we all work to prepare for and mitigate impacts from COVID-19, we want you to know that your safety and well-being and that of others throughout our community is the primary focus of City Council and the staff of the City of Westminster. We are working diligently to ensure that the city is a community that works together, for one another, and with each person in mind, especially during difficult times.

The city, alongside federal, state and local governments, has taken significant steps to address the impacts of COVID-19. On Thursday, March 12, the city issued a Declaration of Emergency to provide the City Manager and staff temporary authority to take actions necessary to ensure continuity of city operations, and the expenditure of funds (within set limits and with notification to City Council) to mitigate the impacts of this crisis on the city and our residents.

The City Manager, Department Heads and staff are continually monitoring this situation to determine how to best mitigate impacts of this public health crisis so we can ensure that city services and resources continue without interruption and the safety and health of our residents is prioritized. This means that while some of our resources such as recreation and library programming and events will be temporarily suspended, police, fire, water and essential services will continue without disruption.

We are assessing best practices for upcoming Council and public meetings, and are identifying virtual methods of communications. City staff have developed methods for continually updating information through multiple communication channels and to hear your questions and concerns. Departments are open for business, and while some staff may be working virtually, they will respond to your calls or needs in a timely manner.

We encourage you to follow the advisories for self-care and social distancing provided by the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#), [Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment](#) and [Tri-County Health Department](#). Please visit the city's [COVID-19](#) page at www.cityofwestminster.us/covid-19 for updates and links to resources.

This is an unprecedented time for our city and those across our nation and world. We have complete confidence in the capability of city management, Department Heads, and staff to appropriately and effectively act in the best interests of our city. We continue to believe firmly in the Westminster community and in our commitment to ensure we work through these difficult times on your behalf.

Westminster City Council

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