

Press Release  
City of Perris

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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **City of Perris to Adhere to ‘Shelter in Place’ Order**

PERRIS, Calif. (March 20, 2020) — On Thursday, March 19, 2020, the California State Public Health Officer and Director of the California Department of Public Health issued a “Shelter in Place” order to all individuals living in the State of California, except as needed to maintain continuity of operation of the federal critical infrastructure sectors.

To view this order, please click [here](#) or visit <https://covid19.ca.gov/stay-home-except-for-essential-needs/>.

The City of Perris has announced partial closures to City Hall and will simultaneously begin shifting its business to an online platform and close all counter services, with the exception of the Finance Department. However, while the Finance Department currently remains open, residents are strongly encouraged to conduct city business online, such as water bill payments and building permits, in the event the City moves all services online in the near future.

Residents can visit the [water bill payment center](#) or the [business portal](#) by visiting the city’s website and accessing the green “quick links” section.

As the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases continues to rise throughout the world and in our region, the City of Perris is joining with the Governor to take additional action to protect our community and our most vulnerable through the Shelter at Home Order.

Using the term shelter at home is to ask people to help slow the spread of infection and is an enhancement of social distancing. It is not a literal term meaning residents cannot leave their homes for essential activities, fresh air or exercise. However, the Order does intend to limit activity, travel, and business functions to the most basic and essential needs while maintaining social distancing.

People are asked to avoid gatherings outside of their homes and beyond their immediate families. The Order does not prohibit people from going for walks, hikes, or runs; attending medical, dental, or veterinary appointments (please call your provider first); going to the grocery store or pharmacy; getting take-out and delivery from restaurants; gardening, or doing yard work. However, group gatherings must be avoided to limit the spread of this disease.

The order is in effect immediately and until further notice. The City of Perris is asking for residents' cooperation during this time. By working together, the City can collectively get through this. Residents are encouraged to call, text, or video chat your friends, families, and neighbors and check on your elderly friends, families, and neighbors, especially those who may be self-isolating.

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