

Dear Colleagues,

Please take a moment to read the following updates on how we are continuing to respond to the COVID-19 outbreak:

A message from our Chief of Police:

Following a state and public health order issued to help slow the spread of COVID-19 across California, Police Chief Andrew Mills outlines what it means for the City of Santa Cruz's residents and businesses.



(Click on the picture to play the video or visit <https://player.vimeo.com/video/401996637>)

Update from our HR Director:

The response to the Coronavirus is constantly changing by the Federal, State and County Health Departments. Two major developments have occurred; 1) “Shelter In Place” order by the County (March 16th) and by the Governor state wide on March 19, and 2) New Federal Legislation. In light of those changes, our compensation policy has been updated. With this new legislation, the City will require employees to use available leave accruals when they are not available to work. If you are home, and available to work, you will not have to use your leave accruals. Please refer to the two **attached** documents for further details.

Park and Rec Launches Virtual Recreation:

Given the COVID-19 Shelter-In-Place orders, the City of Santa Cruz has launched a Virtual Recreation resource web page for all ages. It includes five categories: Fun for Seniors, Fun Outside, Fun at Home, Arts and Culture and Local Resources. Connect with your favorite Louden Nelson Community Center instructors and participate remotely in offerings that include Gentle Yoga, Line Dancing, Boomer Qi Gong and Exercise Class.



Virtual Recreation's content will continue to be updated with more to choose from at www.cityofsantacruz.com/virtualrecreation

*Please note that Summer registration, previously scheduled to begin April 11, has been postponed until further notice. Please check Park and Rec's website for updates or contact their main office at parksandrec@cityofsantacruz.com or 831-420-5270 with any questions.

Please Continue Practicing Everyday Preventive Actions:

Remember to cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue and wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use a hand sanitizer that contains 60% alcohol. Don't forget to clean frequently touched surfaces and objects daily using a regular household detergent and water.

We WILL get through this, together.

Martin