

“Coronavirus (COVID-19) Affect Us All”

Did you know that coronavirus (sign name) still happening?

Unfortunately, yes. Changes happening everyday and we will do our best to keep you informed. Most importantly, do not panic, stay calm and know you can contact DHHSC anytime you have questions or concerns. We will do our best to provide you with most up to date and accurate info.

Because of coronavirus, schools, local colleges and universities, DHHSC offices, movie theatres, places of entertainment, bars, clothing stores, haircut places, gyms are closed. DHHSC offices still provide services through home visits or remotely, such as through VP or email. Many restaurants can only do take out, drive through, or delivery now. Starbucks with drive through. Stores like Target reduce store hours to give time to restock items. First hour in the morning for senior citizens and people with disabilities. SSA offices and other social services, including EDD, now provide remote services. More places may close or have hours reduced as a precaution to coronavirus.

DHHSC learned Wednesday March 18, 2020, Mayor Brand of City of Fresno asked people to “shelter-in-place” as a precaution because of coronavirus. Mayor is asking people to voluntarily stay in their homes to protect their and other people’s health. What it means some places closed that are non-essential and some places open that are essential. Essential places such as grocery stores, pharmacies, hospitals, and gas stations are still open. Non-essential places such as gyms, movie theaters, bars, and other retailers are closed for a while. Some places, like EDD and SSA, doing online services or through phone/VP. DHHSC has a list of what places are essential and what places are non-essential. Here’s the list:

However, now Governor Newsom has ordered MANDATORY “shelter-in-place,” not voluntarily. On Thursday night, the night after the City of Fresno’s announcement, DHHSC learned that Governor Newsom announced a statewide mandate, a shelter-in-place order in the state of California. What does it mean? It means that his order, just started 12:01 a.m. early Friday morning, has power over the City of Fresno’s emergency order, and we MUST stay in our own home until further notice.

We can still walk and run outdoors and enjoy local parks but must keep six feet distance from other people. Fresno buses still run, limit to 10 people for social distancing.

Why this? We do not want many people, at least 10 people or more, to gather, interact because it is easy to spread coronavirus, warned by the federal government. Governor wants us to stay home to prevent sickness with limits of walking outdoors, food shopping, picking up medicine, or taking care of your family and pets. If you out errand(s), must wash hands and “social distancing” – 6 feet from people. By following this list, you protect your health, family, and community.

The website to find out more information is www.covid19.ca.gov. We have updated our website already, but if anyone calls or emails, this means sheltering in place is MANDATORY, per the Governor’s order. We must shelter in place until Governor let us know when order is finished and we’re free again.

I know some of you may be frustrated, scared, and so on with recents happening to us. DHHSC shares these same feelings and wanted to remind you we are in this

together, to be strong for what unexpectedness are coming to us in the coming days. We are here for you.

I know everyday change, change, change, and DHHSC wants to remind you, Deaf/Hard of Hearing Community & Friends, that as a precaution, wash your hands with soap and warm water for 20 seconds, do not touch your face, and keep six-foot distance from other people. Take care of yourself so you can take care of other people. At the end of vlog, will show links from news and lists of essential/non-essential places.

If you have any questions, understanding what's happening, or need DHHSC's services, you can email me Alexander Sanborn alexanders@dhhsc.org and I would be happy to assist you.

Thank you.