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PRESS RELEASE

DOWNEY CITY HALL TO RE-OPEN MONDAY, JUNE 1ST

Downey, CA, May 27, 2020:

Effective Monday, June 1st, Downey City Hall will re-open its doors to the public and will resume its regular operating hours of Monday through Friday, from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The public will now be able to conduct business in person, but will be required to **wear a cloth face covering** and **maintain physical distancing while inside the building**. Additionally, **Downey Fire Department personnel will be conducting wellness checks for all guests entering City Hall. This will include temperature checks and screening questions to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.**

To further ensure the safety of everyone conducting business at City Hall, as well as the safety of employees, the City is implementing the following safety protocols:

- Installation of Plexiglas shields on public counters
- Yellow markers to ensure physical distancing
- Frequent cleaning/disinfecting of commonly touched areas such as counters, doorknobs, elevators, stairways, Plexiglas and restrooms
- Hand sanitizing stations

Although City Hall will re-open, residents are encouraged to continue accessing City services by email, phone and appointment, as there will be a limit to the number of people allowed inside the building.

As a reminder, the following City facilities will continue to be closed until further notice:

- Barbara J. Riley Community & Senior Center
- McCaughan Gym located at Apollo Park
- City Maintenance Yard
- Downey Civic Theatre

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- Columbia Memorial Space Center

Downey parks will continue to be open for passive use, such as walking, jogging, and leisure time outdoors for individuals or families. **The following park amenities will continue to be closed: playgrounds, basketball courts, volleyball courts, fitness equipment, athletic fields and Skate Park.**

The curve has flattened, however the COVID-19 pandemic is still in L.A. County. As L.A. County moves into its safe reopening phase, all residents, business owners and employees must continue to observe and practice all COVID-19 physical distancing requirements.

“We are pleased to once again be able to re-open City Hall and provide our residents and businesses with the service they deserve in a safe and efficient manner,” said Mayor Blanca Pacheco.

“As we continue our recovery journey, I strongly urge our community members to take every precaution necessary to limit the spread of COVID-19,” said Mayor Pro Tem Claudia M. Frometa.

The public is reminded to continue to do their part to slow the spread of COVID-19:

- Wear a face covering whenever you leave home
- Wash hands throughout the day
- Stay six feet away from people who don't live with you
- Stay home if you are feeling sick

For up-to-date information related to COVID-19, please visit the [City of Downey](#) website or the [Los Angeles County Department of Public Health](#) website.

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