

# The City of Bellflower

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*(Letter to the community, originally posted 3/18/20)*

Dear Bellflower Community,

These are bewildering and difficult times for sure. But, I want to reassure you that in Bellflower, the City Council and staff are working very hard to ensure the safety and well-being of everyone. This letter is intended to provide residents with information pertaining to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. All health experts agree that containment is our near-term answer to this public health emergency. We are working diligently to help accomplish containment, and as the situation evolves, our City is making modifications to continue to serve our residents, consumers and businesses.

Currently, due to the federally declared State of Emergency surrounding the COVID-19 outbreak and following announcements by California Governor Gavin Newsom and the Public Health Department, the City has announced that all Bellflower facilities will be closed to members of the public beginning Monday, March 16 through April 2, 2020, or until further notice. These measures are taken to protect both the public and employees. A Special Meeting of the City Council occurred on Tuesday, March 17 to adopt a resolution proclaiming a local emergency due to the epidemic created by the COVID-19.

We are, however, still on hand to serve, and we are asking residents to access the self-service options located at [www.bellflower.org](http://www.bellflower.org) or by simply calling us at (562) 804-1424. Our lobbies will be closed, but staff will be answering calls and e-mails. Physical appointments for service will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

In closing, this is a friendly reminder to stay calm, be kind to one another, wash your hands, practice social distancing and stay home whenever possible. Let's protect our most vulnerable and encourage those 65+ and with chronic illnesses to stay home. Now is the time to do everything we can to prevent the situation from getting much worse. Together we will get through this.

Sincerely,

Juan Garza

Mayor

City of Bellflower