

A Message from City of Santa Rosa Mayor Tom Schwedhelm
March 17, 2020 – 7:30 p.m.



Hi, I'm Tom Schwedhelm, the Mayor of the City of Santa Rosa.

Previously, the City of Santa Rosa announced the move to an essential-service only model to slow the spread of the coronavirus. Now, the Sonoma County Public Health Officer announced new orders and guidance for our county and our city.

Effective at 12:00 a.m. on March 18, a shelter-in-place order is in effect for all Sonoma County residents and will continue to 11:59 pm on April 7th. This order directs residents to stay in their residence unless they need to access essential services and activities, or to perform work for essential businesses.

Individuals experiencing homelessness are exempt from the order. The City is actively working with our homeless service providers to urge individuals experiencing homelessness into our shelters where social distancing measures have been implemented to help ensure their health and safety.

The order specifically prohibits all non-essential gatherings of any number of people and all non-essential travel. If you are outside of your residence, you must maintain a safe social distance of at least six feet from others, when possible.

The official Order of the Health Officer of the County of Sonoma, which defines the essential activities, functions and businesses, is available for review on the city's website: srcity.org/PreventTheSpread. This shelter-in-place order is critical to our efforts to prevent further spread of the coronavirus.

I am calling on each and every one of you to heed this order and stay home when you can. This is the time for cooperation, patience, and understanding. Check in with your neighbors over the phone, email, and social media. Offer to drop off groceries or essential medicines. Keep washing those hands frequently and maintain a safe social distance from others.

This is a rapidly evolving situation and information and orders may change day to day and even hour to hour. Please stay informed and visit srcity.org/PreventTheSpread frequently for the latest and most critical information.

Remember, we are all in this together. By staying apart now we can save lives in the weeks to come.

Thank you.