

**PROCLAMATION OF THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES
FOR THE CITY OF LIVERMORE
FINDING THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY
(COVID-19)**

An outbreak of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) caused by the 2019 novel coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2) began in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China in December 2019, and has spread throughout China and to numerous other countries and territories, including the United States.

COVID-19 is an infectious disease that causes respiratory illness. Experts anticipate that while a high percentage of individuals affected by COVID-19 will experience mild flu-like symptoms, some will have more serious symptoms and require hospitalization, particularly individuals who are elderly or already have underlying chronic health conditions.

It is imperative to prepare for and respond to suspected or confirmed COVID-19 cases, to implement measures to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, and to prepare to respond to an increasing number of individuals requiring medical care and hospitalization.

The United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the United States Health and Humans Services Agency, the California Department of Public Health, and the Alameda County Department of Public Health are each working to monitor and plan for the potential spread of COVID-19 to support and guide local actions to preserve public health.

On January 23, 2020, the CDC activated its emergency response system to provide ongoing support for the response to COVID-19 in the United States.

On January 31, 2020, the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services declared a public health emergency for the entire United States to aid the nation's healthcare community in responding to COVID-19.

On February 25, 2020, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced that community spread of COVID-19 is likely to occur in the United States.

On March 1, 2020, Health Officer of Alameda County declared a public health emergency throughout the County of Alameda.

On March 4, 2020, the Governor of California proclaimed a state of emergency exists in California after making determinations that:

1. The conditions caused by COVID-19 are likely to require the combined forces of a mutual aid region or regions to appropriately respond; and,
2. Local authority is inadequate to cope with the threat posed by COVID-19.

On March 12, 2020, the Alameda County Department of Public Health confirmed evidence of community-acquired transmission.

On March 13, 2020, the President of the United States of America declared a National state of emergency in response to the spread of COVID-19 within the United States of America.

Livermore Municipal Code section 2.56.050 designates the City Manager as the Director of Emergency Services for the City of Livermore.

Livermore Municipal Code section 2.56.060 authorizes the Director of Emergency Services to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency in the event the City Council is not in session.

Livermore Municipal Code section 2.56.020 defines emergency to mean the actual or threatened existence of conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the City, which conditions are or are likely to be beyond the control of services, personnel, equipment and facilities of the City, requiring the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat.

NOW, THEREFORE, I HEREBY FIND AND DETERMINE that:

1. The Alameda County Department of Public Health has confirmed community-acquired transmission of COVID-19 in the County of Alameda;
2. Based on the United States Department of Health and Human Services declaration and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention statements, and multiple cases of COVID-19 and evidence of community-acquired transmission in the region, there is an ongoing risk and likelihood of additional COVID-19 positive patients and community spread in the County of Alameda and the City of Livermore;
3. The conditions of Livermore Municipal Code sections 2.56.020 and 2.56.060 for me to proclaim the existence of a local emergency have been met for me to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency in the City of Livermore; and,
4. The Livermore City Council is not in session.

NOW, BASED UPON THE FINDINGS AND DETERMINATIONS ABOVE, I HEREBY PROCLAIM that a local emergency now exists throughout the City of Livermore caused by an outbreak and community spread of COVID-19 in Alameda County.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that during the existence of such local emergency, the powers, functions and duties of the emergency organization of the City of Livermore shall be those prescribed by state law and the ordinances, resolutions, and approved plans of the City of Livermore.

Dated: 3/13/2020



Director of Emergency Services

This declaration is subject to ratification by the City Council within seven days and is subject to reaffirmation every 30 days thereafter until such local emergency is terminated.