

April 4, 2020

Livermore Community,

These truly are unprecedented times. While I have heard that some of our residents are feeling “information overload,” I have heard from many others that they would appreciate a weekly update from the Mayor. So, here goes. Some of the information may be repeated, but that is for the benefit of those who may have missed earlier posts. Here is the link to my first “Letter to the Community”:

[https://nextdoor.com/post/141219786?init\\_source=copy\\_link\\_share](https://nextdoor.com/post/141219786?init_source=copy_link_share)

For those who are looking for more information, there are frequent posts on Nextdoor which provide up-to-the minute information from the following City staff: Natalie Croak, Sgt. Steve Goard, and Stephanie Egidio. The City's website is continually updated as well: [www.cityoflivermore.net/covid-19](http://www.cityoflivermore.net/covid-19)

While City Hall is closed to walk-in traffic, the City is continuing to operate and provide essential services. In keeping with the competing requirements of the Brown Act requiring public access and the need for social distancing, your City Council has already conducted three remote meetings. These meetings still allow public comment, either through email or via YouTube. You can find the details for participating in our virtual meetings on the meeting agenda: [www.cityoflivermore.net/agenda](http://www.cityoflivermore.net/agenda). Over 100 people participated in the last meeting. If you have specific questions, you can still contact members of the City Council by sending your emails to [LivermoreCityCouncil@cityoflivermore.net](mailto:LivermoreCityCouncil@cityoflivermore.net) or by calling 925-960-4020.

I get many questions and comments about the parks. Unlike the other cities in the Tri-Valley, the City of Livermore does not operate the parks. Our parks are operated and maintained by the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD), which is an autonomous agency operated by an independently elected Board of Directors. However, per the new directive from the Governor to ensure social distancing, dog parks and playgrounds are now closed. At this time, trails are still open, but please observe social distancing of at least six feet.

Residents can learn more about the local response to COVID-19 on my Mayor’s Report on TV-30, which is available on-demand on computers, smart phones or mobile devices simply by going to <https://www.tri-valleytv.org/?q=node/116>. Your City Council recently finished filming a public service announcement, which was released Friday, April 3rd. View it on the City’s website: [www.cityoflivermore.net/covid-19](http://www.cityoflivermore.net/covid-19).

Support your local businesses by using take-out or food delivery services such as DoorDash, Uber Eats, or Grubhub. Livermore Downtown Inc (<https://www.livermoredowntown.com/corona-businesses>) lists businesses that are now providing grocery services and delivery.

People keep asking about the number of cases in Livermore, but the County does not share those numbers with us. Neither the City of Livermore nor its elected officials have access to those numbers. Trust me, I have asked. As of today, we know that there are 537 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Alameda County, which has a population of 1.66 million people in 14 cities. Due to the constrained ability to test because of the lack of kit availability, the number of people who have the COVID-19 virus is probably higher. It doesn't matter right now if there are 10 or 100 cases in Livermore, we know that there are confirmed positives, but we don't know how many.

The important thing to remember is that our behaviors should remain the same, regardless. All of us need to be careful now. Wash your hands frequently. Avoid touching your face. Maintain social distancing and avoid unnecessary travel. Look out for your neighbors. By working together, we will get through this together.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Marchand". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mayor John Marchand  
City of Livermore