



Letter from the Mayor



Letter from Mayor Eisen: COVID-19 Response

Half Moon Bay Residents,

The health and safety of all residents in Half Moon Bay is our highest priority. I know there is a deep concern about the spread of COVID-19, also known as coronavirus.

I want to reassure you that the City of Half Moon Bay is taking action to address the situation. We must come together as a community to ensure everyone's well-being during this pandemic.

I see us working together in three ways:

- The City of Half Moon Bay is coordinating daily with our public health officials at the San Mateo County Health Department, local and regional agencies, and community-based organizations. Changes and measures have been adopted in daily operations and activities in the best interests of the residents in Half Moon Bay. Please visit <https://www.smchealth.org/coronavirus> for information and resources.
- As individuals, it is important for each one of us to minimize our own risk of being infected by taking preventative measures within and outside our homes. Some simple steps include washing your hands frequently, not touching your face, coughing or sneezing into a tissue and then throwing the tissue in the trash, avoiding crowded places if you are at a higher risk, and staying home if you are sick. For a full list of the actions you can take, visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) [coronavirus disease prevention and treatment website](#).
- As a community, we can demonstrate values of compassion and decency by not spreading misinformation, purchasing only what our household needs from stores, educating ourselves, taking care of our most vulnerable residents, and not shaking hands. Our first responders, and particularly our vulnerable residents, need access to emergency supplies as well. Please think community wide as we stock up for our own families.

Operationally, the City has made the following adjustments to City Services:

1. **All City events from now until May 1, 2020 are cancelled or postponed** (please see www.hmbcity.com/covid19 for a complete list – Earth Day, the NET citizens academy, Census Night Out, Ocean View Park ribbon cutting, and other events are included).
2. **All recreation programming and facility rentals** are cancelled until May 1, 2020.
3. **Boys & Girls Club programming** at the Ted Adcock Community Center is cancelled until May 1, 2020.
4. The **Second Harvest Food Bank** will remain operational, however, may be moved into the parking lot in an open-air environment.
5. All **Parks & Recreation Commission meetings and any committee meetings** are cancelled until May 1, 2020.
6. The **public counters at City facilities will be CLOSED** effective March 16, 2020 until further notice. Appointments by phone will be available. To schedule an appointment, please call (650) 726-8250.
7. The **Lobby of the Ted Adcock Community Center will remain open** during regular business hours for public restroom and water fountain use.
8. The **City Council meeting scheduled for March 17, 2020** and the **Planning Commission meeting**

scheduled for March 24, 2020 are still scheduled but will take place with **alternate methods for public participation**. Additional information will be available on the agendas for those meetings. We highly encourage everyone, especially those at-risk, to watch from home utilizing Channel 27, Granicus online streaming, and Facebook live (one in English, one in Spanish). Comments may be submitted to the City Clerk via email at jblair@hmbcity.com prior to or during the meeting, via Facebook live during the meeting, or via dedicated phone lines at (650) 477-4963 (English) and (650) 445-3090 (Spanish) during the meeting.

9. **City Parks will remain open**, but users are cautioned to use their best judgment. City maintenance staff will institute enhanced cleaning protocols throughout parks.
10. The City Council is scheduled to declare a **Local State of Emergency** at its March 17, 2020 meeting as a way to allow the City to start maintaining a list of costs incurred due to COVID-19 in the chance that federal money becomes available in the future. As of the sending of this letter, there are still **no confirmed cases on the Coastside**. This is merely a method to recoup costs if necessary.

As your Mayor, I along with City staff will communicate with you regularly about COVID-19 in the coming weeks and months.

Our goal is to communicate accurate information, raise awareness, and support your needs. I am more than confident we will get through this together.

Please feel free to [email me](#) with your questions and concerns. Prevention and preparedness moving forward is our best defense. This is the time to plan, not panic. We are in this together.

Together in Partnership,

Adam Eisen
Mayor
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