



City of El Centro
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EL CENTRO ANNOUNCES POSSIBLE CASE OF COVID-19

El Centro, CA. – March 9, 2020 – City of El Centro officials announced today that a patient at El Centro Regional Medical Center (ECRMC) has met the criteria for COVID-19 testing. City officials are working closely with ECRMC’s medical team, and wants to ensure the community at large that established protocols by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and Center for Disease Control (CDC) are being followed.

The City of El Centro and ECRMC will host a press conference on Tuesday, March 10, 2020, at 6:00 pm in the ECRMC Medical Office Building located at 1271 Ross Avenue, in El Centro in their Conference Room located on the 2nd floor. During the press conference, officials will provide an update on the possible case of COVID-19 and precautionary protocols.

“Imperial County residents should feel safe and confident that their local government and health care providers at ECRMC are prepared to treat patients with COVID-19,” said Mayor Efrain Silva. “We are ready to take the necessary steps to protect the public’s health during this time,” added Silva.

As a reminder to the community, practice CDC’S everyday preventive actions to help prevent the spread of respiratory illness:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty.

For general information about COVID-19, the public is encouraged to visit the Imperial County Public Health Department’s website at www.icdhd.org, the California Department of Public Health website at www.cdph.ca.gov , or Centers for Disease Control and

Prevention at www.cdc.gov. The public is encouraged to follow the Department's official social media platforms for the most updated information.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact the City of El Centro, City Manager's Office at 760-337-4540.

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