



Press Release

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Compton Official Statement to Residents About Coronavirus

Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses, some causing respiratory illness in people. In December of 2019, a new strand of the virus was discovered in China and Chinese authorities began identifying thousands of human infections. Coronavirus has now been detected in almost 70 locations internationally, including in the United States.

There have been no reported cases of Coronavirus in the City of Compton. Los Angeles County declared a state of emergency today, March 4th and announced that there are currently six cases of the virus in LA County. Across California, 51 people have been treated for the coronavirus. California has a strong health care system and public health infrastructure and our state continues to prepare and respond in coordination with federal partners, counties and cities.

Common symptoms of the Coronavirus include fever, cough and shortness of breath or difficulty breathing. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure. The virus can spread between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet), or potentially by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it and then touching your own mouth, nose, or eyes.

There is currently no vaccine to prevent coronavirus. According to the Department of Public Health, at this time, there is no immediate threat to the general public and no special precautions are required. The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus by practicing good hygiene including:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Stay away from work, school or other people if you become sick with respiratory symptoms like fever and cough.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Wear a facemask if you feel sick or are taking care of someone who feels sick.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Elderly, pregnant women, children and travellers should take extra precaution. For more information, please visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website below.

Call your healthcare professional if you develop symptoms, if you have been in close contact with a person known to have Coronavirus, or if you have recently traveled from China, Iran, South Korea, Italy, or Japan.

The City of Compton is closely monitoring the situation and will provide updates as they become available.

For more information, please visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention - www.cdc.gov

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