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City Closely Monitoring Coronavirus

The City of Pompano Beach is closely monitoring the Coronavrius (COVID-19) and will provide its employees and customers with the latest information.

At this time, there have been no identified cases of Coronavirus in the City of Pompano Beach. However, in an abundance of caution, Mayor Rex Hardin issued a proclamation declaring a public health emergency. This allows the City to take any and all protective actions necessary to protect our employees and the public to the best of our ability.

The City's Emergency Manager has been collaborating with our local, state and federal partners including the Florida Department of Health, Broward County Emergency Management as well as others regarding the Coronavirus.

We are asking the public to remain vigilant and follow recommendations from credible sources. If you have any questions related to the Coronavirus, please contact the 24 hour Florida Department of Health's dedicated Coronavirus (COVID-19) Call Center at 866-779-6121 or by emailing COVID-19@flhealth.gov.

The City's website also offers links to the following:

- Broward County: https://www.broward.org/coronavirus
- Florida Health: http://www.floridahealth.gov/diseases-and-conditions/COVID-19/
- CDC: CDC.gov
- Travel Recommendations from the CDC: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html
- Federal Trade Commission – Advice to protect consumers from scammers: https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/blog/2020/02/coronavirus-scammers-follow-headlines

Routine personal hygiene is important to preventing the spread of viruses including Coronavirus. Recommendations include:

- If you have not had your flu shot, the CDC recommends you do so to avoid getting the flu (which weakens the immune system and could result in hospitalization).
- Always wash your hands thoroughly for 20 seconds with warm, soapy water or use hand sanitizer.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze, throw tissues in a lined trash can and wash your hands or use hand sanitizer.
- Use sanitizing wipes to clean surfaces.
- Do not share eating utensils, drinking glasses or personal items.
- If you believe you are experiencing flu like symptoms, contact your healthcare provider.