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CITY OF BENICIA LAUNCHES CORONAVIRUS INFORMATIONAL WEBPAGE

Benicia, CA, February 28, 2020 — The City of Benicia has launched an online information site to keep the community apprised of rapidly changing conditions associated with the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) situation in Solano County. [Novel Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#) is a respiratory illness that can spread from person to person. The virus that causes COVID-19 is a novel coronavirus that was first identified during an investigation into an outbreak in Wuhan, China.

The City of Benicia is working closely with [Solano County Public Health](#), local health care providers, Bay Area health departments, Solano County Office of Emergency Services, the California Department of Public Health, and the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention.

Please visit the City of Benicia's webpage that contains updates and information about the Coronavirus by going to <https://www.ci.benicia.ca.us/coronavirus>.

At this time, there is one confirmed case of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in a Solano County resident. This may be the first possible community transmission of the virus. The individual is a resident of Solano County and is receiving medical care in Sacramento County. The individual had no known exposure to the virus through travel or close contact with a known infected individual.

On February 27, 2020, the Solano County Incident Commander and Public Health Officer declared that an extreme threat to public health now exists in Solano County due to COVID-19 and released a Proclamation of Local Emergency.

The City of Benicia will comply with all steps requested by the Public Health Officer to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and to prevent or alleviate illness or death due to the virus. The Benicia Emergency Operations Center remains in monitoring status in support of Solano County Public Health.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the World Health Organization (WHO) are closely monitoring the Coronavirus outbreak. This is an emerging, rapidly evolving situation, and the City of Benicia will share updated information as it becomes available. To receive updates, please follow our webpage by visiting <https://www.ci.benicia.ca.us/coronavirus> and follow the City of Benicia on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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