

City of Barstow, Barstow Police Department, and Barstow Fire Protection District

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City Manager

SUBJECT: COVID-19 PRESS RELEASE

Barstow Community Hospital has confirmed treating one positive case of COVID-19 at their facility to date. There are additional confirmed positive COVID-19 cases of Barstow residents being treated at healthcare facilities outside of the Barstow area. The number of reported cases in San Bernardino County continues to rise as testing becomes more readily available.

San Bernardino County has created a dashboard that displays local, state, and global data concerning COVID-19. You can visit that website here: https://bit.ly/SBCDASH. This dashboard displays locations of positive cases and deaths.

The White House has extended social distancing measures until April 30, 2020. Please continue to practice social distancing, good hygiene, and staying at home.

The City of Barstow does not have a curfew in place.

The State of California is still under a Stay at Home order. More information can be found at https://www.covid19.ca.gov/.

If you are feeling sick, the California Department of Public Health recommends the following: CALL AHEAD: If you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, call your health care provider *before* seeking medical care so that appropriate precautions can be taken.

For general questions about COVID-19, please call San Bernardino County Public Health at (909) 387-3911.

If you have a true emergency, please call 9-1-1. If you call emergency services for any reason and have flu-like symptoms, please notify dispatch that you are ill and, if possible, please put on a facemask before emergency services arrive. Please do not put our first responders at risk for exposure.

For more information regarding the City of Barstow's response to the COVID-19 crisis and more resources, please visit www.BarstowCA.org or call (760) 255-5109.

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