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## PRESS RELEASE

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CERES – March 19, 2020

The City of Ceres (“City”) announced today that it is urging residents to follow Stanislaus County’s recommendation that all County residents stay at home during the COVID-19 pandemic. On Monday, March 16, 2020, Gov. Newsom directed that all gyms and movie theaters close and that restaurants limit their service to take-out and delivery meals only. This follows a previous directive, in which the Governor also asked that residents age 65 and over and those at higher risk for serious illness stay at home.

Mayor Chris Vierra said, “The City has decided the most effective way to meet this great challenge is to firmly advise all residents to stay in their residences until the spread of COVID-19 can be eased. Following this measure will be crucial in relieving hospital overcrowding and will ultimately save lives.”

The City asks that residents stay at home and only leave their homes for grocery shopping, necessary medical appointments, picking up meals at a restaurant, caring for a friend or relative, or traveling for essential job functions. Residents who wish to walk or jog in public places are strongly encouraged to practice social distancing and keep a distance of six feet from each other.

Local restaurants can provide take-out food and make deliveries. The City encourages residents to support local businesses as they can, but requests that residents not gather in groups or use restaurant dining rooms.

This action follows the declaration of a local emergency, closure of City Hall and other measures taken earlier this week in efforts to combat this global pandemic.

The City will provide regular updates as new information becomes available. Please refer to the City’s website at [www.ci.ceres.ca.us](http://www.ci.ceres.ca.us) and [www.stanemergency.com](http://www.stanemergency.com) for updates.