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**HUNTINGTON BEACH SET TO INSTITUTE MODIFIED CITY OPERATIONS
EFFECTIVE JULY 20 DUE TO THE CURRENT COVID-19 SITUATION**

While all City operations will remain in effect, public access to the Civic Center will be curtailed.

On Monday, July 20, the City will institute modified operations as a proactive health and safety measure in response to the current spike in COVID-19 cases throughout Orange County. Under this modified operating plan, the City will continue providing all current services (including Police, Fire, development, and utility operations), but will close public access to City Hall, the Police Department, and most other facilities to limit the interactions that can spread COVID-19. Of note, all departmental operations will remain fully staffed, and the City will improve and expand the use of digital and telephone services to meet the community’s needs remotely.

Additionally, the City will still offer quality of life services in limited, socially-distanced fashion. Curbside book pickup and drop-off at Central Library, recreational programs, and the Junior Lifeguard program will continue to be maintained. The public will also be able to purchase beach parking passes in-person at 130 Pacific Coast Highway. Furthermore, the City Council and the Planning Commission will continue to meet with enhanced safety protocols, and select committee and commission meetings will start discussions again, largely via digital mediums.

As the City moves into a modified operational structure, work has been engaged to improve our digital plan check and inspection processes, which can be accessed by the public via the [Community Development Department’s webpage](#).

Many other City services can be accessed online at www.HuntingtonBeachCA.gov, or by calling the appropriate department below:

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| Community Services.....(714) 536-5486 | Police.....(714) 960-8811 |
| Finance.....(714) 536-5267 | Passport Information.....(714) 374-1600 |
| Fire.....(714) 536-5411 | General Information.....(714) 536-5511 |
| Public Works.....(714) 536-5431 | |

These modified operations will continue until further notice, and enhanced signage with this information will be posted at all major facilities. We ask for your patience during these temporary modifications, as our response to the COVID-19 pandemic adapts to the various restrictions instituted by the State and County. The County has reported 27,904 cumulative COVID-19 cases to date, which include 466 deaths. As cases rapidly increase, the City encourages all residents and visitors to diligently practice social distancing and use face coverings to prevent infections. Your actions will save lives.

The City remains committed to providing the community with timely updates on www.HBready.com. For questions about City services and policies during this time, please contact our Call Center at (714) 536-5511.

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