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LA County Public Health Official to Offer Presentation to Malibu City Council About Current Corona Virus Status and Response

(Malibu, CA) – An official from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (LADPH) will give a presentation to the City Council during the March 9, 2020 Council meeting about the current status of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in the County, including numbers of cases, severity, treatments and precautions for the public, and what actions public health officials are taking.

“We should not panic, however, we must take the coronavirus situation very seriously,” said Mayor Karen Farrer. “It is crucial for us as a community to stay informed, know our risks, take all the precautions that we can, and be prepared.”

Anyone unable to attend the meeting may watch the presentation live or later on-demand at www.MalibuCity.org/TV or <https://www.youtube.com/user/CityofMalibu/videos>.

In response to several new cases of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) with known origins related to travel, not community transmission, Los Angeles County, the City of Los Angeles, the City of Long Beach, and the City of Pasadena on March 4, 2020 declared a Level Three local emergency. This Level Three local emergency enables local agencies with their own public health departments to transition into full preparedness mode and makes them eligible for state and federal funding for any increase in COVID-19 cases and possible community spread.

All local jurisdictions within Los Angeles County fall under this public health declaration, including Malibu.

The City, in standard preparation for any emergency or disaster, has robust plans in place for continuity of government services and business operations. The City is also currently developing a Pandemic Response Plan that will address continuity of operations for businesses, schools and City government services in case a serious outbreak of corona (or other communicable disease) occurs locally.

Malibu will continue to follow the lead of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in implementing protocols for public spaces and in messaging to the community.

The public is urged to follow these hygiene and containment measures:

- Avoid / Stay away from sick people;
- Wash your hands with soap and water or alcohol-based hand cleaner;
- Keep hands away from eyes, nose, and mouth;
- Disinfect public counters, desks, common areas, phones, keyboards, etc.;
- Use disinfectant wipes identified for use against Influenza A&B and Coronaviruses;
- If you have symptoms (fever, cough, vomiting, difficulty breathing) stay home and call a doctor;
- Remain home until you have spoken with your doctor or health provider and are cleared to return to work; and
- Cover your coughs and sneezes.

For updates and information about the coronavirus situation in the United States and in Los Angeles County, severity, treatments, precautions, and other important public health information in multiple languages, please visit <http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus> and <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>.

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