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Montebello Reinstates COVID-19 Health and Safety Protocols *City facilities close to public and public programs are suspended until Jan. 31*

Montebello, CA – Effective immediately, the City of Montebello will suspend admittance to the public and all parks and recreation programming until January 31, 2022, out of an abundance caution due to a high spike in COVID-19 related infections.

“As a municipal entity we must take precautions to keep City services operating safely, including Montebello Bus Lines, police and fire public safety operations,” said City Manager René Bobadilla. “We have an obligation to our residents and City staff to keep everyone safe and to try and mitigate the impact COVID-19 is having on our teams because our ability to provide services and continue operations is being compromised.”

Montebello City employees have experienced a doubling in reported positive COVID-19 cases as compared to this same time last year. Currently five percent of the City’s workforce has been impacted by COVID-19 infections.

City Hall, public park facilities, police and fire stations will be closed to direct public engagement. January city council meetings will move back to Zoom and continue via live stream broadcasts. Public comments can be submitted according to current guidelines and deadlines. Only properly requested phone or email public comments will be heard for January council meetings. The City will re-evaluate the situation on January 31 in order to determine how best to proceed or update operations, public engagement and programs.

“It is important that we take these immediate and important measures in order to remain operationally effective,” said Mayor Kimberly Cobos-Cawthorne. “I encourage and ask all our residents to get vaccinated if they haven’t, consider a booster shot if it’s been more than six months since your first vaccination and continue to wear masks and follow all health department guidelines.” The Mayor also reminds all residents to take advantage of the City’s free mobile phone app (My Montebello) and online services in order to conduct business and communicate with the City safely and effectively.

The City of Montebello was founded in 1920 and is located eight miles southeast of downtown Los Angeles. Its history dates back to the days of the Franciscan missionaries and today boasts a full array of services including police, fire and one of the region’s largest public transportation systems, [Montebello Bus Lines](#). The city’s multi-cultural resident population is approximately 65,000 covering a footprint of approximately four square miles. For more information visit www.cityofmontebello.com or follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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