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PRESS RELEASE

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City Field Employee Tests Positive

Needles, CA — Over the weekend, the City was notified of a field employee (non-office based) was tested positive for COVID-19. Those staff who have been potentially directly exposed have been notified and directed to get tested.

In an abundance of caution, City Hall will be closed to the public from 6/29 through 7/3. Utility Bills can be paid via a drop box outside of City Hall or online. Any transaction fees will be waived during this time period. Employee access will be limited to phone calls and emails. The City has scheduled a deep cleaning of City Hall as a further precaution.

“The City takes these actions to protect the general public and City employees from unnecessary health risks in this unusual time.”, said City Manager Rick Daniels. Daniels further stated that, “All emergency calls for service will receive a response from public works and utility staff on an “on-call” basis, and all employees believed to have been exposed will be tested.”

The following steps should be taken to protect your health and those around you:

- If you are sick, stay home
- People experiencing symptoms of contagious illness should seek medical guidance. Testing is being offered during the week at both the Tri-State Community Healthcare Center (760-326-0222) and Colorado River Medical Center (760-326-7100) by appointment only.
- Persons aged 65 years and older and persons of any age with certain underlying health conditions are at increased risk, and should they contract COVID-19 are encouraged to self-quarantine.
- Wash hands with soap and warm water for 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 80% alcohol.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth especially with unwashed hands.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using regular household cleaning spray or wipes.
- Avoid close contact and practice social distancing.
- Face coverings when leaving the home or conducting essential business.

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