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Riverside County to help carry out governor's statewide stay at home order

Riverside County Board Chair V. Manuel Perez is calling on county departments to move quickly to implement Governor Gavin Newsom's statewide executive order for all Californians to stay home except for essential needs.

The order, which went into effect last evening (Thursday), is necessitated to combat the rapid spread of 2019 novel coronavirus. Riverside County recorded the fourth fatality associated with coronavirus earlier today, all among patients in the Coachella Valley.

"We need to stop the spread of coronavirus and that is why I appreciate Gov. Newsom's stay at home order, which applies throughout the State of California," said Supervisor V. Manuel Perez. "This will be carried out successfully as we continue to educate our residents on the need to stay home unless it is absolutely necessary. Staying at home is a directive that will save the lives of yourself and your loved ones."

The Governor's executive order prohibits non-essential activities, while still allowing for citizens to make essential trips for necessities such as food, prescriptions and health care, or to go to a workplace that carries out essential functions.

“The county team is fully engaged in our response to this unprecedented challenge, while still meeting the critical needs of all of our residents,” said County Executive Officer George Johnson. “We are dependent upon the assistance of our federal, state and local partners and appreciate the actions taken.”

When people need to leave their homes for authorized necessary activities, they should at all times practice social distancing, which means maintaining a physical distance of at least six feet between individuals.

More information on the governor’s executive order and what essential services will remain open can be found at: <https://covid19.ca.gov/stay-home-except-for-essential-needs/>.

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