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Chino Valley limits services amid COVID-19 pandemic

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CHINO VALLEY, AZ- Town leadership met today to discuss and evaluate procedures for the Town of Chino Valley amid the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic.

Under the guidance of Mayor Darryl Croft and various department heads, it has been decided that certain services and programs will be limited and or suspended until further notice to protect citizens and staff from unnecessary exposure.

“These decisions aren’t easy to make, but we feel that being proactive is in the best interests of the Town,” said Croft following today’s meeting. “As a group we will continue to discuss this issue, consult the recommendations from Gov. (Doug) Ducey’s office, the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) and re-evaluate the situation as needed.”

The following adjustments to services will begin immediately and remain in place until further notice:

The Chino Valley Police Department:

- No adjustments to services will be made at this time. Staff has made the CDC recommended adjustments to work areas and vehicles to ensure the safety of both citizens, transports, and officers.

The Chino Valley Library located at 1020 Palomino Road, Chino Valley:

- Library capacity is being limited to 50 (fifty) persons. This included staff and volunteers.
- Visitors are encouraged to use the Main Entrance that faces the parking lot on Rd 1 West.
- Library visits are being limited to 30 (thirty) minutes or less.
- All public computers are currently unavailable. Please be advised free public wifi access is available, personal electronic devices such as smart phones and tablets are welcome. Staff is available to assist with connection if needed.
- All Children’s Library programs have been suspended, including the weekly Children’s Storytime.
- All room reservations (Community Room, Conference Room) have been suspended.

The Chino Valley Senior Center located at 1021 Butterfield Road, Chino Valley:

- Operating hours will be limited to 10:00 am- 1:00 pm Monday through Friday for lunch only. Recreational activities (billiards, cards...) offered at the center will be suspended.
- “To-Go: meals will be offered to all participants and is strongly encouraged.
- If “dine-In” is the only option for an individual, they are encouraged to leave as soon as possible, seating will be limited and restricted to four people per table in line with social distancing recommendations.
- Daily sign-in will not be required at this time.
- All public computers are currently unavailable.

Frequent hand washing and sanitization is strongly encouraged and please remember, if visitors are feeling ill, coughing, running a fever, or feeling/displaying any other symptoms of illness, please refrain from leaving homes.

Park and Rec Dept.

- All room reservations for meetings and classes have been suspended until further notice.
- Boys & Girls Club usage of the facility adjacent to the Community Center located at 1527 N. Road 1 East Chino Valley has been placed on hold until further notice.

Town Council Meetings:

- The next Town Council Meeting scheduled for 6:00 pm March 24, 2020 at Town Hall, 202 N Hwy 89 Chino Valley, AZ is scheduled to proceed as planned (as of this release).
- Staff is exploring ways to make meetings more accessible via web and other apps.
- Meetings are currently available live on Access TV on channel 57 (through the local cable television provider) and posted to the Town YouTube Channel the day following meetings.

Town leadership will continue to discuss the needs of the community regarding the COVID-19 pandemic and will meet again Thursday to re-evaluate the needs of the community and make any adjustments that they feel will best serve the public.

“We would rather show an abundance of caution than put our citizens or staff at risk” said Croft.

Please continue to follow the Town’s web site at www.chinoaz.net and our social media outlets for the most accurate and timely information from the Town.

Please visit the CDC web site at www.cdc.gov and Governor Ducey’s office at www.azgovernor.gov for more information.

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