

NEWS RELEASE

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Public City Events Cancelled – City Protocols for COVID-19 Virus

**POLICE & FIRE: Police and Fire Services will operate as usual.
Please call 911 should you encounter an emergency.
For non-emergency situations, please call 520-417-7550.**

DOUGLAS, ARIZ. – March 16, 2020. Mayor Robert Uribe of Douglas, Arizona, in conjunction with guidelines issued earlier today by President Trump, has issued a Proclamation cancelling all City coordinated public events and gatherings of more than 10 people in our City parks and facilities, because of risks from COVID-19, also referred to as coronavirus. The proclamation is effective immediately.

Although there are no identified cases of COVID-19 in Douglas at this time, the City is taking steps proactively for the protection of residents, visitors, businesses, first responders, city employees and others.

This Proclamation applies to all city events and programs scheduled through March 31, 2020. **In addition, the Library, the Aquatic Center and all city parks will be closed to the public.** The City will monitor the situation closely and lift the cancellation proclamation when appropriate. The proclamation applies to all events and activities for which permits have been issued and to all gatherings of 10 or more people in public settings or on City property.

The decision to cancel and postpone public events was made only after a full evaluation of how the protocols and protective measures must be managed by our public safety officials.

Private businesses and companies are encouraged to cancel or postpone events or activities that would convene 10 or more patrons.

"I am issuing this Proclamation out of an abundance of caution and extreme concern for everyone in Douglas," Uribe said. "It's important that we take this situation seriously and do everything we can to keep ourselves, our families and our neighbors safe. Protocols are in place. Now it's our job to follow them."

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