



## **MAYOR GARCETTI ISSUES TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS TO HELP SLOW SPREAD OF NOVEL CORONAVIRUS, PROTECT PUBLIC**

LOS ANGELES — Mayor Eric Garcetti tonight issued an emergency order to strengthen the City’s response to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), placing temporary restrictions on restaurants, bars, and other establishments in the City of Los Angeles.

The order includes temporary closure of bars and nightclubs that do not serve food, movie theaters and entertainment venues, bowling alleys and arcades, and gyms and fitness centers. Restaurants, bars, and retail food facilities may not serve food for consumption on their premises but may continue to offer food for delivery, takeout or drive-thru. Mayor Garcetti also strongly urged houses of worship to limit large gatherings on their premises and observe social distancing practices in their services.

“We are all first-responders in this crisis,” said Mayor Garcetti. “I don’t take these steps lightly, but they are absolutely necessary — because our decisions today have the power to slow the spread of the virus and save lives.”

The restrictions will take effect in the City of Los Angeles beginning at 11:59 p.m. tonight and will remain in place through noon on March 31, 2020. They are subject to extension.

The following establishments within the City of Los Angeles will be temporarily closed to the public:

- Bars and nightclubs that do not serve food;
- Movie theaters and entertainment venues;
- Bowling alleys and arcades; and
- Gyms and fitness centers.

The following restrictions will also apply:

- All restaurants will be prohibited from serving food to dine-in customers, but may continue to prepare and offer food via delivery service or take-out;
- Houses of worship are urged to limit large gatherings on their premises and to explore and implement ways to practice their respective faiths while observing social distancing practices.

The following establishments will continue to operate:

- Grocery stores will continue to operate and there is no shortage of food or interruption in our food supply;
- And cafeterias within hospitals, nursing homes, and similar facilities will continue operations.

The Mayor also ordered a moratorium on evictions of residential tenants during this local emergency period if the tenant is able to show an inability to pay rent due to circumstances related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Mayor’s emergency order builds on his previous directive, which strengthened the local response by imposing limits on public gatherings in City facilities and follows a declaration of local emergency issued March 4.