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PRESS RELEASE

City of Downey Launches a Senior Wellness Check Program

Downey, CA, March 16, 2020:

The City of Downey recently launched a Senior Wellness Check Program through its Parks and Recreation Department. The City's Parks and Recreation staff will be conducting daily phone call wellness checks with Downey seniors that are registered in its Senior Congregate Meal Program. These checks provide a safe and convenient way to check on the wellbeing of our seniors. The checks also serve as a social opportunity for seniors and help promote mental wellbeing as well. In addition to the daily phone call checks, City staff will conduct an on-site visit check if a senior cannot be reached over a 12 hour period. Staff will also contact the Downey Police Department if they cannot make contact with a senior either by phone or in-person.

Seniors interested in registering for this program can contact the City's Parks and Recreation Department at (562) 904-7238.

"It is critical during this unprecedented time that we check on the wellbeing of our senior population", says Mayor Blanca Pacheco. "We want to ensure they are healthy and have the essential items they need while they stay at home."

"A key mission of the City of Downey is to ensure the safety of our community, and I'm proud to see our City take proactive measures to protect our seniors," says Mayor-Pro Tem Claudia Frometa.

For more information and the latest status of City services, visit the City website at www.downeyca.org/coronavirus. Updates will be shared regularly through the City's Facebook, lnstagram, and Twitter pages.

To learn more about the Coronavirus, visit the <u>Los Angeles County Department of Public Health</u> website to get the most up-to-date, accurate information about COVID-19.

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