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Message from the Mayor

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The Santee City Council, along with the entire City organization, are working hard to address the issues related to the coronavirus. Santee's Emergency Operations Center is activated and responding to reports in our community every day. I appreciate the way everyone is coming together in these stressful and changing times.

The number one way to protect yourself from the Coronavirus is to stay home. Maintain a social distance of six feet, washing your hands, disinfecting surfaces, and covering coughs and sneezes. You hear it from every health professional you see on TV. Starting from the top down:

- Doctor Jerome Adams: United States Surgeon General
- Doctor Nadine Burke Harris: California Surgeon General
- Doctor Wilma J. Wooten: San Diego County Public Health Officer

As of this update, there are ten confirmed cases of the Coronavirus in Santee. The County is reporting nearly 1,000 cases in San Diego County. I don't want anyone else getting sick in Santee, and I hope you do too.

Santee is currently following the State of California and San Diego County's orders to close all parks and activity areas; however, trails and walkways are open. The State says outdoor recreation is allowed: Once again, stay a safe social distance of six feet from people who aren't part of your household. It's ok to go outside for exercise, take a walk, or just get some fresh air, and then go home. Do your part and model the right thing to do, help your fellow community members stay safe. Each one of us has a vital role in this.

As Mayor, I want to assure all residents, business owners, and visitors the City of Santee will continue to maintain necessary services and make decisions required to minimize risk. It means City Council meetings are going to be held virtually or on the phone. Check our council agenda webpage for viewing and commenting on information. Please continue to stay informed by checking the city of Santee Website for updates. [Click here](#) to view the City's Website.

Santee is a community that cares for its own. We do more for each other, due east. Protecting public health and that of City staff is vital. Both will continue to be our guide when making decisions. I urge you to follow the recommendations by our health experts for slowing the spread of this virus. As we move forward, let's continue to work together and remember to be calm and patient. We have been through difficult challenges in the past. We will get through this and thrive as a community. I look forward to when I can see all of you again in person. I pray that it will be very soon. Stay safe, stay healthy, and as always, have a great Santee Day.

Thank You,
Mayor John W. Minto