

# PRESS RELEASE

## COVID-19 INFORMATION



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### **City of Menifee Launches Virtual City Hall and ZERO STOP SHOP for Development**

MENIFEE, CA—The City of Menifee is continuously committed to helping our community and stakeholders navigate and receive necessary information, and keep projects and work moving even during the challenges of the world-wide pandemic COVID-19. Menifee will continue to provide the same level of service, support and business friendly demeanor in the virtual city hall in spite of the wake of the disappointing postponed citywide events/classes/programs and activities, and temporary closures to city facilities. The City has put together a list of resources and asks for patience as the City continues to build out and add even more to the new MENIFEE VIRTUAL CITY HALL webpage. The new webpage includes virtual permit activities to process projects from all stages of development, including ways to stay engaged, and connected ([www.cityofmenifee.us/Coronavirus](http://www.cityofmenifee.us/Coronavirus)) during the COVID-19 crisis. Rather than wait until a launch day, understanding the immediate needs of our partners, Menifee felt residents and stakeholders could benefit from early access to the new virtual City Hall.

City Councilmember Dean Deines, District 4, states, “The City understands that these are difficult times we are all living through, and we are proud of the City staff and leadership that are working both the crisis, and behind the scenes to bring timely information and resources to our community partners to respond to the pandemic COVID-19. As we all practice deep social distancing, we wanted to encourage healthy lifestyles, continue our community connectivity, education, enrichment classes that support our growing community to be the best they can be.”

“Our stakeholders have invested in our City and need to keep moving their projects along. Our City team wanted to ensure our development partners had the necessary resources and tools to keep everyone safe and protected, while maintaining permit center operations. I am excited to see the virtual improvements that allow partners to work remotely, saving time, money and jobs,” stated Mayor Pro Tem Matthew Liesemeyer.

#### COVID-19 Focused Webpage

The City’s website includes a page specific to resources as it relates to COVID-19 impacts. The page features resource lists for development services, businesses (employers/employees), seniors, and general community interest.

## Zero-Stop Shop (Virtual Permit Center)

The City also transformed its one-stop shop permit counter, under its STREAMLINE INITIATIVE, to a zero-stop shop, as a virtual permit center. This new online portal, allows development and project partners to submit projects online, conduct virtual inspections, and conduct normal operating business without even entering City Hall. This effort was led by the Community Development Department, and is transforming the way the development process can occur, which ultimately enhances safety, while also saving projects both time and money.

## Businesses

As businesses struggle with restrictions on how to serve the community and comply with recent state and federal mandates, the City has comprehensive lists of resources from grants to loans, to the latest initiatives and disaster funds for businesses as an additional way assist them ([www.cityofmenifee.us/coronavirus](http://www.cityofmenifee.us/coronavirus) or [www.menifeebusiness.com/coronavirus](http://www.menifeebusiness.com/coronavirus) ). The City has been working on way to assist the business community, and is working on innovative programs to support our local businesses. For more information, please contact the Economic Development Department at 951-672-6777 or visit [www.menifeebusiness.com](http://www.menifeebusiness.com) .

## Seniors

The City of Menifee continues the Senior Nutrition Program distribution with lunches offered five days a week. Seniors who have yet to sign up can complete an application on-site or visit [www.cityofmenifee.us/communityservices](http://www.cityofmenifee.us/communityservices) or call **(951) 672-9673** for more information. We are grateful to our community partners and vendors for their consistent support, coordinated efforts, and volunteer service during this time of great need. This program is reserved for senior who are in critical need of meals, and should only be used if you are a senior who otherwise wouldn't have access to food. Additionally, grocers and shopping amenities available during special senior shopping hours are also listed.

## Community Services

The City has also released a Virtual Community Services webpage for recreational ideas for all ages in response to the temporary closures of schools and recreational facilities. Please visit [www.cityofmenifee.us/communityservices](http://www.cityofmenifee.us/communityservices) to check out the variety of resources and activities designed to keep families, seniors and kids engaged and finding new and fun ways to have fun together and practice social distancing related to COVID-19. From fitness, to lesson plans to museums and nature exploration, please check it out.

For more information on Menifee's Virtual City Hall, please visit <https://www.cityofmenifee.us/612/Virtual-City-Hall-Services>, for COVID-19 information, please visit [www.cityofmenifee.us/coronavirus](http://www.cityofmenifee.us/coronavirus) , or please call (951)672-6777 for more information.

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**ABOUT MENIFEE:** *Situated in the heart of southern Riverside County along Interstate 215, Menifee is a vibrant, new city of more than 95,000 residents who enjoy a pleasant year-round climate, abundant recreational offerings, reasonably priced housing and convenient proximity to some of Southern California's premiere attractions and employment centers. Within its 50 square miles, Menifee's business, retail and entertainment outlets are starting to shape the community's character and this growing economic base is also contributing favorably to the city's strong financial position. Menifee's growing family-oriented population values the city's ongoing commitment to public safety, community events and smart growth for the future. All of these elements are working together to support the city's strategic vision to make Menifee one of the state's most promising new cities.*