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The latest news

- Schools closed through end of academic year
- OV to discuss how to aid business
- Governor says "Stay home, Stay healthy, Stay connected"
- What federal act may offer you

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State's schools closed through end of year

Arizona **schools** shall be **closed** through the **end** of the school year, Gov. Doug Ducey and Superintendent of Public Instruction Kathy Hoffman announced **Monday**.

The **extension** follows updated guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and an announcement from the White House **extending** physical distancing guidelines until **April 30, 2020**.

The announcement applies to **all** schools, both **district** and **charter**. "Today's announcement is intended to give parents and educators as much **certainty** as possible so they can **plan** and make **decisions**," Ducey and Hoffman said. "While this isn't the outcome any of us wanted, we are **grateful** for the **partnership** of schools around the state, who have stepped up to offer **virtual** and **take-home** learning opportunities for our students. These efforts are **crucial**, and we recognize that schools are making **every effort** possible to continue providing **instruction** during closures."

Ducey and Hoffman **thanked** the Legislature, which passed law

Federal act has money to help businesses keep their employees

The \$2.2 trillion **Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act** has allocated **\$350 billion** to help **small businesses** keep workers employed amid the pandemic and growing economic downturn.

[This link](#) provides specific information from the **U.S. Chamber of Commerce**.

Within the Paycheck Protection Program, the initiative provides 100 percent federally guaranteed loans to small businesses who **maintain** their payrolls during this emergency.

These loans may be **forgiven** if borrowers maintain their payrolls during the crisis, or **restore** their payrolls afterward.

[This link](#) has many answers to your questions.

Town likely to waive temp sign rules; your Chamber supports that approach

The Town of Oro Valley is taking up "**discussion** and possible **action**" this **Wednesday, April 1**, regarding **waiver** or **modification** of the town's temporary **sign ordinances** for businesses affected by the COVID-19 virus.

Your Chamber will write a letter of

ensuring all educators and staff see **no disruption** in pay.

“Our number one priority will continue to be **health** and **safety**, and we will continue to work closely with public health officials to make the **best** decisions for **kids, families**, and our school **communities**,” they said.

To read the full release, [click here](#).

What can OV do to help business?

Share your suggestions!

At **5 p.m. Wednesday, April 1**, the Oro Valley Town Council plans to discuss “**actions** the council may take to **assist** Oro Valley businesses **affected** by the COVID-19 virus.”

Your Chamber will **attend** the meeting, **virtually**, and we’ll submit **comments** and **ideas**.

But first ... what **actions** could Oro Valley take that would **help** your **business**? Let us know; send an e-mail to [Dave](#), or give him a call or text at **520-334-0349**.

Savaya changes hours, has deals for members

Chamber member **Savaya** has changed its hours to **7 a.m.-1 p.m.** daily during the coronavirus threat.

Store manager **Crystal Quimby** has many new “affordable” **home brewing** options. And she’s giving a discount to **Chamber members** on the purchase of coffee beans.

Savaya Coffee Market is located at **11177 N. Oracle**, within the **Encantada at Steam Pump** apartment community. The phone is **520-447-5713**.

Catalina Craft Pizza served responders, the needy before it closed for a deep cleaning

Chamber member **Catalina Craft Pizza** has closed for coronavirus, but was “finally able to make a small difference” before it did, owner **Jeff Bridge** said.

With the help of GRFD volunteers, Catalina Craft Pizza was able to

enthusiastic and predictable **encouragement** that sign code enforcement be **waived** in this unprecedented time.

“Many Oro Valley businesses are in an **unprecedented** struggle,” Chamber President / CEO **Dave Perry** said. “While maintaining public safety, our businesses need the **flexibility** to reach customers in any way they can right now.”

Tucson’s declarations more restrictive than those of OV, others

Late **Friday** afternoon, the city of **Tucson** issued a **declaration** of **continuing emergency** that ordered all **non-essential** businesses and establishments to be **closed** as of Friday night.

In facing the coronavirus pandemic, first-term Tucson **Mayor Regina Romero** also closed **hair** and **nail** salons, **spas**, **barber** shops and **other** “personal hygiene services.”

Tucson’s order is **more restrictive** than those of Oro Valley, Marana and Pima County. On Friday, the **Town of Oro Valley** “strongly **urged**” temporary closure, but did **not require** closure, of “personal hygiene businesses, such as hair salons, barbershops, nail salons, massage establishments and day spas.”

To date, Oro Valley has only ordered that **restaurants**, **cafes**, **coffeehouses** and other similar **public food service** businesses and establishments no longer reserve food or beverages for consumption on the **premises**, and that **theaters**, **gyms**, and **other** such facilities be closed.

In addition, Oro Valley has “strongly urged” other businesses to **limit** gatherings, and to establish **social distancing** practices for patrons and employees.

That means a number of businesses can remain **open**, and several **retailers** have chosen to do so.

To read the Oro Valley proclamation, [click here](#).

To read the Tucson proclamation, [click here](#).

A link to statewide resources

For a comprehensive link to resources provided by the state of Arizona, click here:

<https://arizonatogether.org/>

deliver **27** large pizzas to **52** first responders at 10 GRFD stations in Catalina, SaddleBrooke, Oro Valley and Pima County. And it put together enough quality food to serve **20 families** through **IMPACT of Southern Arizona**.

“It was a **great day**,” **Bridge** said. “As you all well know, the satisfaction of serving to these brave people and the under-privileged goes well beyond the satisfaction of a great night of sales.”

Open for business? Let us know and we'll put you on our [website](#).

Check out this [list of member restaurants](#) still doing business!

AZ urges increased physical distancing, greater connection

Late **Monday** afternoon, Gov. Doug Ducey issued an executive order **urging** Arizonans to **limit** time away from home effective at **5 p.m. Tuesday, March 31**.

The governor's "Stay home, Stay healthy, Stay connected" request is intended to **slow** the spread of COVID-19. It follows **new guidance** from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and comes at the **recommendation** of public health officials who are **tracking** data specific to Arizona.

Under the order, Arizonans **may** leave their place of residence:

- To conduct or participate in **essential** activities, and/or;
- For **employment**, to **volunteer** or **participate** in **essential** functions; or
- To **utilize** any **services** or **products** provided by **essential** business services;
- And for **employment** if as a sole proprietor or family owned business, work is conducted in a separate office space from your home and the business is **not open** to serve the public.

The governor defined "**essential** businesses" in an executive order **March 23**. Local jurisdictions have different interpretations of "essential businesses." There is **no time frame** on the governor's order.

"Keeping Arizonans **safe** and **healthy** as we slow the spread of COVID-19 remains our top **priority**," the governor said. "Arizona citizens and businesses are **already** responsibly responding to this crisis. This order **builds** on the state's **efforts** to **protect** public health by reminding Arizonans to maintain healthy habits and find **alternative** ways to stay connected with friends and loved ones while spending time at home. **Slowing** the spread of COVID-19 will ensure we build **capacity** in our healthcare system, and help **protect** the lives of those we love most. It's important to **emphasize** that there are **no plans** to shut down grocery stores. People should **continue** to buy what you need for a week's worth of groceries. I'm **grateful** to everyone making adjustments to fight this virus and protect others. Arizona will get through this, and we'll do it **together**."

Under Monday's order, Arizonans are also **encouraged** to **improve** social connectedness by:

- **Maintaining** ongoing connections and communication with current social supports and structures such as family, friends, neighbors and other social groups;
- **Educating** fellow Arizonans on the negative health impacts of social isolation;
- And **developing habits** and **activities** that increase resilience, such as physical activity, virtual social gatherings, assisting neighbors, implementing or participating in connection campaigns for at risk populations, and participating in volunteer activities.

Under this policy, **essential** activities include:

- Obtaining necessary **supplies** and **services** for family, household members and pets, such as groceries, food and supplies for household consumption and use, supplies and equipment needed to work from home, assignments for completion of distance learning and products necessary to maintain safety, sanitation and essential maintenance of the home, residence.
- Engaging in **activities** essential for health and safety, including things such as seeking medical, behavioral health or emergency services and obtaining medical supplies or medication.
- **Caring** for a family member, friend, or pet in another household or residence, which includes but is not limited to transportation for essential health and safety activities and to obtain necessary supplies and services for the other household.
- Engaging in **outdoor exercise** activities, such as walking, hiking, running, biking or golfing, but only if appropriate physical distancing practices are used.
- **Attending** work in or conducting essential services which includes but is not limited to transporting children to child care services for attending work in an essential service.
- Engaging in **constitutionally** protected activities such as speech and religion, the democratic process to include voting any legal or court process provided that such is conducted in a manner that provides appropriate physical distancing to the extent feasible.

Read the full release [here](#).

The Town of Oro Valley is **following** the governor's executive order to Stay Home, Stay Healthy, Stay Connected.

"The COVID-19 pandemic is a situation none of us have been in. This calls for **extraordinary** measures that we've **never** experienced before. We want to **help** ensure our residents and communities stay **safe**," said **Mayor Joe Winfield**. "We ask everyone to **follow** Governor Ducey's executive order to **stay** at home, and to **limit** trips outside the home for only essential work, getting supplies and medications, and recreating close to home. If each of us are **vigilant** in doing our part, we will see **positive** results in the coming weeks."

Additional Resources:

Arizona Department of Education – [Guidance to Schools and Families on COVID-19](#)

Arizona Department of Economic Security – [Unemployment Insurance Benefits](#)

Arizona Food Bank Network – [Find a Food Bank Near You](#)

Arizona Department of Health Services – [COVID-19 Response and Guidance](#)

US Housing and Urban Development – [Relief for homeowners](#)

Arizona Department of Housing – [Eviction and Foreclosure Assistance](#)

211arizona – [COVID-19 Resources](#) (or call 2-1-1)



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