CITY OF Englewood

PRESS RELEASE

Englewood City Manager Declares State of Emergency

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. -- On Friday, March 13, City Manager Shawn Lewis declared a local disaster emergency in the City of Englewood in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Earlier Friday, Colorado Governor Jared Polis and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment indicated the increasing likelihood of transmissions of COVID-19 in communities throughout the state.

The declaration of a disaster emergency activates the response and recovery components of the City's Emergency Operations Plan and any applicable inter-jurisdictional disaster emergency plans.

The City of Englewood will authorize assistance and request aid from appropriate agencies in order to ensure the safety of residents.

Additionally, the declaration will enact cooperation and coordination efforts with federal, state and county emergency and public health agencies regarding response, recovery and mitigation endeavors.

“This declaration will allow the city to respond with more flexibility during this evolving outbreak and allow Englewood businesses to access federal funding related to the US government’s response to COVID-19,” said Englewood City Manager Shawn Lewis. “Public safety, health and welfare are of the utmost concern for myself and Englewood’s City Council,” he added.

The State of Emergency will remain in effect no longer than seven days except with the consent of a majority of the members of the City Council.

The Tri-County Health Department recently discouraged meetings of more than 250 people in one room to prevent the spread of the virus.

In response, the City of Englewood has closed the Malley Recreation Center, Englewood Recreation Center, Englewood Public Library and postponed City-sponsored events.