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**ONTARIO URGES EXTREME VIGILANCE AS COVID-19 OUTBREAK GROWS; 5 CONFIRMED CASES IN THE CITY**

The City of Ontario is urging residents and businesses to remain vigilant in practicing social distancing and exercising responsible behavior in order to flatten the COVID-19 curve as more detail emerges on the number of local cases.

On Monday, officials reported 111 confirmed cases in San Bernardino County – five of which were in Ontario. Throughout California, there are now more than 6,400 confirmed cases and 133 deaths, according to the latest statistics.

Monday’s announcement came less than a week after Ontario filed a public records request with the county, demanding the release of city-by-city data. It also came one day after President Trump extended social distancing guidelines to April 30.

“As we have fully expected, the numbers of confirmed cases throughout our region, state and nation are increasing and will continue to do so in the coming weeks. Now that we have local data, it underscores the need to redouble our efforts in practicing social distancing and safe health habits,” said Mayor Paul Leon. “This is not a cause for panic or alarm, but to step up in an even bigger way. The actions all of us take today will determine how quickly we get through this.”

Earlier this month, the City of Ontario was among the fist in San Bernardino County to declare a local state of emergency and implemented a comprehensive COVID-19 emergency response plan to minimize the risk of exposure, anticipate potential vulnerabilities and act quickly and responsibly to any new developments.

For updates on the City’s COVID-19 response efforts, please visit: [www.ontarioca.gov/coronavirus](http://www.ontarioca.gov/coronavirus)

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**About the City of Ontario**

The City of Ontario *Elevates* the quality-of-life by creating urban lifestyle districts that create sustainable places to live, work and play. Located just 35 miles east of downtown Los Angeles, the City of Ontario is ideally situated as a gateway to Southern California. With major freeways, rail transportation and International Airport, Ontario offers the rest of the world to be a part of a culturally diverse community with rich history that is well positioned for quality development and economic sustainability for its 177,000 residents.  Complementing its business and residential core, Ontario offers premium entertainment venues such as the Ontario Convention Center, Toyota Arena, and the Ontario Mills Mall. To learn more about the City of Ontario, visit [www.ontarioca.gov](http://www.ontarioca.gov) or call (909) 395-2000.