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COVID-19 Rumors

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) crisis, Mendota City Hall staff, Elected Officials and the Police Department have been forwarded various information pertaining to the virus in our community. After research, some of the information could not be confirmed and amounted to rumor and dispelled.

The public needs to be aware that knowingly passing along unconfirmed information (rumors) can be damaging to an individual(s) or business(s). Example: Posting unconfirmed information (rumors) on social media about a business that results in a negative impact on customers willingness to shop at the business or creating unnecessary panic. On April 8, 2020 the Police Department received notification of such a social media post. Officers were not able to validate the information as true or identify the source of the original information. As such we deem this to be a situation where an individual posted the information on social media based solely on what a person told them, or rumor, and unaware of the consequences. This unconfirmed post negatively impacted the business and the community.

Residents are encouraged to research information that is in question. You can do so by accessing the City of Mendota web site, Mendota Police Department facebook page, Fresno County Department of Health web site, Center of Disease Control web site, to name a few. You may also contact the Mendota Police Department at 559-655-9120 during business hours (Monday through Friday 8AM-5PM).

Please hold yourselves and others accountable to follow the Governor's Orders and local Emergency Ordinances that are in place to protect your health and that of your family, your neighbors and our entire community.