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## Templeton's "Almost Daily" News

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## NATIONAL NEWS

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### Millennials are asked to **PLEASE HEED ADVICE**

Once again, a great deal of important news (Defense Production Act activated, both military floating hospitals are ready to be deployed when needed, HUD to suspend foreclosures and evictions, healthcare providers are asked to delay elective procedures, and

Millennials asked to please heed advice) came out of today's White House daily press conference regarding COVID-19 from the President and his Coronavirus Task Force. For information directly from the source at C-SPAN, please [CLICK HERE](#).

**Editor's Note!** The Millennial Generation is key to the success of our national endeavor to keep from overwhelming our medical facilities and prevent as much loss of life as possible during this COVID-19 pandemic. Social distancing and sheltering in place are not easy for any of us to do – particularly for teens, twenties, and early thirties when you both feel invincible and crave social activity. While the current information on COVID-19 says that people under 40 will have an easier time than those of us over 40 if infected, **it is CRITICAL THAT INFECTION IS SLOWED to save as many lives as possible. Please recognize that IT'S THE LIVES YOU WILL SAVE that is the ultimate goal of all our efforts right now, and those of us who are younger and less susceptible are the key to saving those lives and ending this pandemic.**

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## COUNTY NEWS

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As of 3:00 pm today (Mar 18), the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases in San Luis Obispo County has risen to 7 people. Please [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.

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Today, San Luis Obispo County (SLOC) issued an **Executive Order for everyone to “shelter in place” beginning tomorrow (Mar 19)**. The emergency order is effective Thursday, March 19 at 5:00 pm and will remain in effect until April 18th and will be reviewed every 14 days to evaluate the need to continue the order. The intent of the order is to slow the spread of COVID-19 in SLOC by ensuring that the maximum number of people self-quarantine in their places of residence to the maximum extent possible, while enabling essential services to continue. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to read more.

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**San Luis Obispo County (SLOC) also announced today that all County libraries are CLOSED effective today until further notice.** Events, meetings, and gatherings that were scheduled to take place in County libraries have been cancelled. Item reservations will be paused but will resume once libraries re-open.

Loan periods on borrowed materials are being extended during the emergency closure and won't become due until library operations are restored. Please [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.

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In partnership with all seven incorporated cities in San Luis Obispo County (SLOC), **an Executive Order was issued today suspending evictions by landlords related to any rental property in SLOC for failure to pay rent, foreclosure, or a decrease in household or business income due to COVID-19.** These types of evictions are suspended until May 21, 2020. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to read more.

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### **FROM THE SLO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DPT.**

Now that the order to "shelter in place" has been given by the County of San Luis Obispo, the Sheriff's office is offering guidance on our role and responsibility during this challenging time. First and foremost, we are asking all the citizens of the County to remain calm. We understand these are trying times. But remember, the Sheriff's office mission is to provide service, security and safety to the community. And we can do that if we have everyone's cooperation in being responsible citizens. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to read more.

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## **TEMPLETON NEWS**

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### **What to know about the Templeton Community Services District during the COVID-19 pandemic**

The Templeton Community Services District's (TCSD) water system meets all State guidelines. The District's water treatment processes comply with all state drinking water rules and regulations to protect against viruses, bacteria and other harmful constituents. The District also maintains a small and safe amount of chlorine within its water pipelines to ensure that the water delivered remains safe as it is delivered to our community.

**Templeton CSD's customers can be assured that the water is safe for drinking, hand washing and all other potable uses.**

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency recommends that residents continue to use and drink water as usual – including washing hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

### **Water & Wastewater Services Will Continue**

TCSD's Water Department will continue to provide a safe and highly reliable water supply to the Templeton community.

Utilities Manager Frank Sprague says, “the water and wastewater facilities staff have been practicing social distancing and have adequate supplies on hand to perform work duties.”

The District has implemented additional infection control measures including increasing the frequency of workplace cleaning, canceling non-essential business travel, utilizing teleconferencing in place of in-person meetings where feasible, and restricting public access to all TCSD facilities.

District Manager Jeff Britz added that, “the District wants to emphasize that the community can rely on the District for a safe supply of water.”

### **TCSD Water Bills Can Be Paid Remotely**

To support social distancing and limit person-to-person contact, TCSD customers are asked to pay their bills by phone at (805) 434-4900, mail their bills to Templeton CSD, PO Box 780, Templeton, CA 93465, or use the District's bill drop-off box outside the Administrative Office at 420 Crocker Street in Templeton.

Those who need assistance in paying their bill may contact the Administrative Office's Utility Billing Department by telephone at (805) 434-4900 for specific needs.

### **District staff is still working, but District offices and facilities are not open to the public at this time. Office/Facility closures to the public are as follows:**

Templeton Fire & Emergency Services (Fire Station) at 206 5th Street  
TCSD's Administrative Office at 420 Crocker Street  
Templeton Community Center/Women's Clubhouse at 601 S. Main  
Templeton Recreation or Len's Place (formally the Youth Center) at 599 S. Main  
Templeton's Wastewater Treatment Plant

**Templeton CSD recreation facilities including Evers Sports Park, Tom Jermin, Sr. Park (formally Bethel Road Park), and Templeton Skate Park are open for the public's enjoyment.** People using these facilities are asked to follow all recommended social distancing protocols.

**Please don't flush those wipes!**

And one last request, if you are using disposable wipes for changing diapers, personal hygiene, housecleaning and more – please be aware that they cause major problems when flushed down toilets. Although many of these products are labeled “flushable” or “septic safe”, they are anything but.

Because they don’t break down the way toilet paper does, disposable wipes clog homeowner and municipal sewer lines, put stress on community wastewater collection and treatment equipment, and cost thousands of dollars on premature equipment repair and replacement.

Wipes snag on any imperfection in sewer pipes, catch passing debris and grease, and create a “ball” that will grow to plug the pipe. They also get drawn into sewer-line and wastewater treatment plant pumps and clog and damage them.

The increased use of disposable wipes has been causing difficulties for utilities employees. We are asking if residents do use wipes, please put them in the trash where they belong. Don’t flush them!

#### **For more information**

Anyone with questions may call the Administrative Office at (805) 434-4900 or visit the District website at [www.templetoncsd.org](http://www.templetoncsd.org).

Customers may also visit [www.ReadySLO.org](http://www.ReadySLO.org) for the latest public health updates and recommendations or call the Public Health Information Line at (805) 788-2903.

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## **AND NOW FOR SOME GOOD NEWS**

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***Editor’s Note!*** At a time when much of the news is discouraging at best and questions about the future that simply can’t be answered, leaving us feeling powerless – and yes, afraid – I found the following letter from a company my family does business with both uplifting and

inspiring, while setting today’s challenges in historical perspective. I hope the reading of this letter will be as valuable to you as it was to me – both specifically related to the company and what they are doing to get thru this challenging time, as well as what we might learn and apply from their example.

#### **Greetings Friends and Fellow COVID-19 Fighters:**

It’s my true privilege to serve as the new CEO of Faribault Woolen Mill Co. founded

in 1865. It's the longest surviving manufacturer in my beloved home state of Minnesota. For years I've greatly respected Paul Mooty, who courageously restarted the shuttered mill in 2011 and this year invited me to partner with him in its future. It's an honor.

During this trying time, however, I write today to let you know that we've closed our retail stores until further notice to protect our customers and our workers. The website is still fully functioning, though, and I thought I'd take this opportunity now to share some other thoughts.

The coronavirus encroaches upon our lives like nothing most of us have every experienced. I submit to you that the 155-year history of this company is but one of many examples worth contemplating as we hunker down.

From its beginning at the end of the bloody Civil War through the deadly 1918-20 Flu Pandemic, the Great Depression, two World Wars, and all the rest of the turmoil of the 20th Century – and despite the devastation from a plant fire, some floods, and a two-year shutdown in 2009 – this company has gotten back up, and survived.

Our picturesque hometown of Faribault is similarly resilient and growing again as well. Americans are who we are, not because we don't face intense troubles, but because we persevere. We get back up.

Our Faribault Woolen Mill Company (FWMC) leadership team holds a deep conviction that domestic manufacturing jobs are key to strengthening our communities and keeping the American Dream accessible. We appreciate the economic multiplier effect that works when storied companies like Faribault Woolen Mill Co. thrive. We stand on the shoulders of our many dedicated, longtime employees who returned after the shutdown to get this plant running again.

While the world worries more and more about sustainability, our craftspeople work in timeless processes with virgin wool – shorn from flocks in the U.S., Australia, and New Zealand. No polyester or other petroleum derivatives are needed. Just some shears and a summer haircut for sheep that run off to grow their winter coat back again. Sustainably.

We hope you'll follow us as we expand this company in the years to come. We're investing in new production capabilities and equipment, we're working with American manufacturing friends who'll take our fabrics and turn them into apparel for us, and we're pursuing new strategies to serve you, our customers, much better going forward. We'll be honored and grateful to have you with us.

As we look forward to our Fall and Holiday new product introductions, we've got some intense Spring Cleaning to do. We're clearing a lot of inventory and our need for space is your chance at some really great pricing on Clearance items. Please

wash your hands and check out our many bargains... online.

Thanks for reading and thanks especially for your support of this Great American Woolen Mill!

Be well, stay safe and best wishes,

Paul Grangaard  
Chairman & CEO FWMC

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