



## Council President Pro Tem Barbara Bry Council District 1



Dear Neighbors,

I'm excited to report that all San Diego playgrounds and other outdoor recreational facilities will reopen soon. Stay tuned for official reopening dates at a park near you!

Outdoor playgrounds will remain open, regardless of which tier the County is assigned to. (We are currently in red, the second-most restrictive.) Please keep up the good work with wearing masks, social distancing and avoiding crowds.

The park re-openings will come with strict new [state guidelines](#): Everyone age 2 and older must wear a mask on a playground; different households must social distance; and no one may eat or drink.

Another resumption of normalcy probably won't be as universally welcome. The enforcement of all parking regulations resumed on Thursday, Oct. 1. The enforcement will begin with a two-week grace period when the City will issue written warnings for vehicles that are violating posted street sweeping routes, metered parking spots, curb time limits and commercial zones. Citations will continue to be issued for vehicles parked in red, white and blue curbs.

Finally, if you are preparing to reopen your small business, the California Department of Insurance urges you to: 1) review insurance policies for adequate coverage; 2) review coverage options, including what is and isn't covered; 3) review reopening guidance from Cal/OSHA and industry associations; 4) determine worker compensation needs; 5) follow public health guidelines; and 6) review the [California Department of Insurance FAQ](#) on Business Interruption Insurance and other issues affecting small businesses.

I look forward to sharing more good news with you in the upcoming newsletters.

With gratitude,

Council President Pro Tem

### Upcoming Events

10/6 at 11 a.m.  
City Council Meeting

10/7 at 9 a.m.  
Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods Committee Meeting

10/9 at 1:30 p.m.  
Special Rules Committee

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### Government Resources

[CA Dept. of Public Health](#)

[CDC](#)

[City of San Diego](#)

[Council District 1 Guide](#)

[County of San Diego](#)

[Office of Governor Gavin Newsom](#)

[State of California COVID-19 Resource](#)

## City News

### 10/1 A Dozen City Libraries to Reopen for Limited Indoor Use on Saturday, October 3

Beginning on Saturday, October 3, 12 San Diego libraries will reopen to the public for limited indoor use. Patrons will be able to use the computers, print, pick-up books, and receive some in-person help from libraries to find titles. Libraries will be capped at 25 percent capacity.

The 12 libraries reopening on Saturday include the following locations: downtown Central, Carmel Valley, Point Loma, Mission Valley, Rancho Bernardo, Malcolm X/Valencia Park, Mira Mesa, Logan Heights, San Ysidro, La Jolla, Mission Hills-Hillcrest, and College-Rolando.

Article [here](#).

### 9/29 Parking Enforcement to Resume October 1, Beginning with Two-Week Grace Period

Beginning Thursday, October 1, the City will resume enforcing all parking regulations. The enforcement will begin with a two-week grace period and citations with corresponding fines will begin being issued starting Thursday, October 15.

More information [here](#).

### 9/29 City Council

The City Council convened and voted on the following COVID-related item:

#### **Coronavirus Aid, Relief, Economic Security (CARES) Act Revolving Loan Fund Supplemental Disaster Recovery and Resiliency Award to the City of San Diego.**

- The Council voted to accept nearly \$1.8 million in federal CARES Act funding to create a new revolving loan fund to help local businesses struggling amid COVID-19. The program is aimed at helping businesses retain or create jobs through investments in equipment, business systems, websites, marketing, store layouts to facilitate safer in-store or online browsing, ordering, and pick-up or delivery.
  - ⇒ Individual loans would be in the range of \$25,000 to \$95,000. As the initial loans are repaid, funding becomes available for new rounds of loans.
- This item passed unanimously.

#### **Update on Operation Shelter to Home**

- This informational item provided the Council with an update on [Operation Shelter to Home](#), the shelter program for unhoused residents which the City launched in response to COVID-19. The 332 units would be used as permanent supportive housing for people experiencing homelessness. A proposal to purchase the hotels is scheduled to be presented to

## Testing Information

### County Testing Sites

To make a free appointment at a County testing site, please call 2-1-1 or use [this link](#) to make an appointment.

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### State Managed Sites

Appointment needed via <https://lhi.care/covidtesting> or by calling 888-634-1123, Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m..

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### Kaiser Permanente

Call 1-833-KP4CARE (1-833-574-2273) (TTY 711) to talk to a licensed care provider 24/7

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### Scripps Health Nurses Line

888-261-8431

7 a.m. to 9 p.m., Mon - Fri, and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sat - Sun

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### SHARP Healthcare Nurses Line

1-800-827-4277

Mon - Fri, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sat - Sun

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### UCSD Health COVID-

19 Nurses Line

800-926-8273

8 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day

the Council in October.

- No action or vote was taken on this item.

The complete agenda can be found [here](#). Archived minutes can be found [here](#).

## County News

### **9/29 County Case Rate Drops Slightly, Still in Red Tier**

The County's new adjusted case rate dropped from 6.9 to 6.7 cases per 100,000 residents, which means that San Diego County will remain in the Red Tier (the second most restricted tier) of the State's COVID-19 risk levels.

To move to the less restrictive Orange Tier, the County would need to reduce its case rate to below 3.9 cases per 100,000 residents for two consecutive weeks. This would require the region to report an average of 133 or fewer cases each day.

Article [here](#).

### **9/22 County Emergency Rental Assistance Available to 8,000 Household**

San Diego County residents who have been economically impacted by COVID-19 could qualify for one-time assistance of up to \$3,000 to pay for past-due or upcoming rent.

To be eligible, households must:

- be renting and have experienced a financial hardship directly related to COVID-19;
- fall under 60% Area Median Income:
  - ⇒ For example, a single-person household can earn up to \$48,540 and a four-person household can earn up to \$69,300.
- not live in a city with their own COVID-19 rental relief program;
  - ⇒ This does not apply to applicants who live in cities with already depleted funds.
- not receive any other forms of rental subsidy such as Section 8 or other rental assistance programs, rapid rehousing assistance or rental assistance from nonprofit agencies.

Additionally, only one application per household will be accepted and the applicant's landlord must agree to participate in the program for the County of San Diego to process the one-time emergency rental assistance grant.

To apply, residents must complete the Emergency Rental Assistance Program's online application between September 24-October 8, 2020. Recipients will be selected at random from this application pool.

Those interested in applying for the assistance can learn more about the program and apply during the two-week application period [here](#).

Article [here](#).

### Current Cases in San Diego County

As of 5 p.m. 10/1:

Total Cases in San Diego County: 47,485

- 0-9 years: 1,610 cases
- 10-19 years: 4,730 cases
- 20-29 years: 11,947 cases
- 30-39 years: 8,655 cases
- 40-49 years: 6,785 cases
- 50-59 years: 6,506 cases
- 60-69 years: 3,882 cases
- 70-79 years: 1,857 cases
- 80+ years: 1,476 cases
- Age unknown: 37

Hospitalized Cases: 3,545

Intensive Care Cases: 828

Deaths: 793

Source [here](#).

### State News

#### 9/28 Outdoor Playgrounds in California Permitted to Reopen with Restrictions

On Monday, the State informed local jurisdictions that regardless of the County's COVID tier, outdoor playgrounds are permitted to reopen with restrictions.

In order to reopen, local authorities must adhere to the State's reopening guidelines which include masks being worn by all children over the age of two, maintaining social distance between households, and no eating or drinking on the playgrounds.

According to San Diego officials, "County playgrounds could open as soon as Wednesday, while the City of San Diego is shooting for Saturday."

Article [here](#).

## **9/28 Governor Newsom Announces \$137 Million in Third Round of Homekey Awards and Announces Request to Legislature to Approve Additional \$200 Million for Program**

Governor Newsom announced the third round of awards for Project Homekey, California's program to purchase and rehabilitate housing – including hotels, motels, vacant apartment buildings and other properties – and convert them into permanent, long-term housing for people experiencing, or at risk of becoming homeless.

The Governor also requested an additional \$200 million in Coronavirus Relief Funding to be allocated to Project Homekey. If approved, the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) will provide funding for approximately 20 more Homekey projects awaiting additional funds.

Press release [here](#).

### **Local Resources**

#### **Mainly Mozart Outdoor Concert Series “Friends of San Diego County” Discount**

Join Mainly Mozart at its outdoor, classical concert series, running from October 17 until October 24 at the Del Mar Fairgrounds. Use the code “sdcounty” to receive 20 percent off your ticket order.

More information [here](#).