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COVID-19 UPDATE
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Need Help Finding Resources? The County's 2-1-1 System can help, in many languages. Call 211 on your phone or visit <https://211sandiego.org/>
For City of San Diego COVID-19 updates, visit: <https://www.sandiego.gov/coronavirus>

Dear San Diego Residents,

Emergency Moratorium on Residential and Commercial Evictions

The spread of COVID-19 is an unprecedented global healthcare crisis. It's also a growing economic crisis for residents and businesses across the San Diego region. At a special emergency City Council meeting on Tuesday, I proposed a [package of 14 measures](#) to provide desperately needed relief.

The City Council unanimously approved my proposal to direct the City Attorney's office to work with the Mayor to develop a temporary citywide ban on evictions of residents who are not able to pay rent because of financial hardship caused by the COVID-19 outbreak. After the Council meeting, Mayor Faulconer stood with me and announced his support for an eviction moratorium.

This is part of a comprehensive effort to protect renters from losing their home, and protect landlords and our small business community from losing their livelihood, in the midst of an unprecedented public health and severe economic crisis.

The moratorium is not yet in place. It requires further Council action to be enacted, and we are working hard to bring forward the detailed policy and implementation strategy next week.

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San Diego Leaders Encourage Immigrants and Refugees to Access COVID-19 Resources

*The virus knows no borders. No economic status nor where you come from.
This virus does not discriminate, and we can't either. We must take care of each other.*

Yesterday, I stood with County Supervisor Nathan Fletcher, Assemblywoman Lorena Gonzalez, and local leaders to share important information and encourage immigrants and refugees to access government and healthcare resources to stay healthy and informed during the Coronavirus outbreak.

Everyone has access to healthcare regardless of immigration status and highlight organizations and healthcare providers that offer services in multiple languages and serve immigrant communities.

For families that are concerned about the ["public charge" rule](#), [immigration officials have confirmed](#) that they will neither consider **testing, treatment**, nor **preventative care** related to COVID-19 as part of a public charge inadmissibility determination, even if provided or paid for by one or more public benefits considered under the rule including Medi-Cal.

- The rule also excludes consideration of public health assistance for immunizations and for testing and treatment of symptoms of communicable diseases, such as COVID-19, whether or not such symptoms are caused by a communicable disease.
- It's critical that families seek testing and treatment as necessary to support the health and well-being of themselves and their loved ones. Please don't forgo treatment out of fear, as the consequences may be very serious.
- If you have questions or concerns about the public charge rule, an immigration or public benefits attorney can give you advice based on your individual situation.

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In Solidarity,



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State of California: <https://covid19.ca.gov/>

County of San Diego: <https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/>

City of San Diego: www.sandiego.gov

San Diego Unified School District: <https://www.sandiegounified.org/>

Other Schools: <https://www.sdcoe.net>

California Labor & Workforce Development Agency:
<http://www.labor.ca.gov/>

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