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On January 31, 2020, United States Health and Human Services Secretary Alex M. Azar II declared a public health emergency for the United States to aid the nation’s healthcare community in responding to SARS–CoV–2, also known as COVID–19.

On February 19, 2020, the County of San Diego Board of Supervisors ratified the Declaration of Local Health Emergency.


On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared COVID–19 a pandemic, which at the time claimed 118,000 cases of COVID–19 in over 110 countries.

On March 12, 2020, the San Diego County Public Health Officer issued orders directing the public to take certain actions to protect the public health from COVID–19. The Public Health Order was amended several times and is in effect until further notice, unless extended. The current public health order mandates the use of face coverings, prohibits gatherings with members of other households, and order all persons to remain in their homes or in their place of residence except for certain exceptions such as traveling to or from an essential business or participating in a permitted individual or family outdoor activity.

On March 12, 2020, the City of San Diego (City), acting through the Mayor, issued a proclamation of local emergency in preparation and response to the spread of the COVID–19 virus in our community, which the City Council ratified on March 17, 2020 by Resolution No. R–312895. The City Council has extended the local emergency, with the most recent action to extend it, on December 9, 2020, by Resolution R–313389.

On March 13, 2020, President Donald Trump issued a Proclamation on Declaring a National Emergency Concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID–19) Outbreak.

On March 19, 2020, in Executive Order N–33–20, Governor Gavin Newsom issued a Stay Home Order that directed all California residents to stay home or at their place of residence except as needed to facilitate authorized activities or to maintain the continuity of operations of the federal critical infrastructure sectors. The order is in place until further notice.

On June 18, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom issued guidance that mandated the use of face coverings for people in California when they are indoors or in other areas where physical distancing is not possible.

On July 6, 2020, San Diego County was placed on the State’s County Monitoring List.
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On July 13, 2020, the State of California ordered the closure of indoor activities for the following industries and activities within counties on the County Monitoring List, which includes San Diego County: restaurants, bars, movie theaters, family entertainment centers, zoos, museums, cardrooms, fitness centers, places of worship, indoor protests, offices for non-essential sectors, personal care services, hair salons, barbershops, and indoor malls.

On August 28, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom announced the “Blueprint for a Safer Economy,” which permits the gradual reopening of certain businesses and activities.

On November 16, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom updated existing guidance for the use of face coverings, requiring Californians to use face coverings at all times when outside the home, with limited exceptions.

On November 21, 2020, the State Public Health Officer issued a Limited Stay at Home Order that directs residents in counties in the Widespread (Purple) tier, which includes San Diego County, to stop non-essential activities between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m.

On December 3, 2020, the State of California announced a Regional Stay Home Order that would be triggered for three weeks if a region’s Intensive Care Unit (ICU) capacity drops below 15 percent in a given region. San Diego County was assigned into the Southern California region with 11 other counties.

On December 5, 2020, the Southern California region’s ICU capacity dropped below the threshold to 13.1 percent, triggering a three-week Regional Stay at Home order for San Diego County. The ICU capacity is currently at 0 percent in the Southern Region as defined by the state, of which San Diego County is included. All gatherings with members of other households are prohibited in San Diego County.

On December 21, 2020, the State Public Health Officer issued a Supplemental Order that directs counties under the Regional Stay Home Order, which includes San Diego County, to stop non-essential retail activities between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m.

On December 29, 2020, Health and Human Services Agency Secretary Dr. Mark Ghaly announced that Southern California’s Regional Stay Home Order, which includes San Diego County, will remain in effect until further notice due to a surge in COVID-19 hospitalization and a lack of ICU capacity.

On December 30, 2020, Mayor Todd Gloria issued Executive Order 2020-12, which limited parking enforcement and issuance of citations to holiday or Sunday enforcement regulations,
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including the temporary cease of enforcement on parking meters, yellow commercial zones, short-term green zones and 1- to 2-hour time parking zones.

On January 25, 2021, the California Department of Public Health ended the Regional Stay at Home Order, lifting the order for all regions statewide, including the Southern California region that encompasses San Diego County. This action allowed San Diego County to return to the Purple Tier corresponding with the Blueprint for a Safer Economy.

Also on January 25, 2021, the California Department of Public Health ended the Limited Stay at Home Order, which limits non-essential activities between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m.

Also on January 25, 2021, in response to the State of California’s updated health order, the County of San Diego updated its Public Health Order to close restaurants, bars, wineries, distilleries, and breweries between the hours of 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. every day except for delivery, take-out, and drive-thru operations.

On January 27, 2021, San Diego County reported 231,481 positive cases and 2,465 deaths due to COVID-19.

While the lifting of the Regional Stay at Home Order and the Limited Stay at Home Order by Governor Newsom and the California Department of Public Health brings positive news related to public health conditions, we must stay vigilant so that we can protect our healthcare system and defeat COVID-19. I strongly urge all San Diegans to continue following guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), which recommends wearing a face mask that covers your nose and mouth, staying at least six feet away from non-household members in both indoor and outdoor spaces, washing your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds, and using hand sanitizer with at least 60 percent alcohol to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

Due to the actions taken by the State to lift the Stay at Home Orders, I am resuming parking enforcement in the City of San Diego and continuing to provide additional designated parking spaces for curbside pickup customers to support storefront businesses as they recover from the effects of COVID-19.

By virtue of authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of San Diego pursuant to the provisions of the City Charter, San Diego Municipal Code section 51.0105, and California Government Code section 8634, to promulgate, issue, and enforce rules, regulations, and orders, I hereby declare the following orders to be necessary for the protection of life and property and I hereby order, effective at 11:59 p.m. today that:

1. Except as superseded by order of the Governor or Public Health Officer:
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a. Effective January 29, 2021, the City of San Diego will reinstate parking enforcement with limited enforcement through February 7, 2021. Red, white, blue, and other all-time enforcement areas will continue to be enforced to maintain public safety.

b. Effective January 29, 2021 to February 7, 2021, the City of San Diego will limit issuance of parking citations to holidays or Sunday enforcement regulations. Parking enforcement will be limited to warning notices of the fee or penalty for parking meters, yellow commercial zones, short-term green zones, and 1-to 2-hour parking zones, parking enforcement will be limited to warning notices of the fee or penalty, with the exception of meter spaces marked with temporary curbside pickup parking signage compliant with the provisions listed in paragraph 2 of Executive Order No. 2021-1, dated January 25, 2021.

c. Effective February 8, 2021, all suspension and modified enforcement will be concluded, and standard City enforcement of all curb space and meters will be enforced, with the exception of meter spaces marked with temporary curbside pickup parking signage compliant with the provisions listed in paragraph 2 of Executive Order No. 2021-1, dated January 25, 2021.

2. All of the requirements contained in the City’s Executive Order No. 2020-1, dated March 16, 2020, except those superseded here or by order of the Governor or Public Health Officer, remain in effect.

3. All of the requirements contained in the City’s Executive Order No. 2020-2, dated March 30, 2020, except those superseded here or by order of the Governor or Public Health Officer, remain in effect.

4. All of the requirements contained in the City’s Executive Order No. 2020-3, dated April 30, 2020, except those superseded here or by order of the Governor or Public Health Officer, remain in effect.

5. All of the requirements contained in the City’s Executive Order No. 2020-4, dated May 21, 2020, except those superseded here or by order of the Governor or Public Health Officer, remain in effect.

6. All of the requirements contained in the City’s Executive Order No. 2020-5, dated May 29, 2020, except those superseded here or by order of the Governor or Public Health Officer, remain in effect.
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7. All of the requirements contained in the City’s Executive Order No. 2020-6, dated June 5, 2020, except those superseded here or by order of the Governor or the Public Health Officer, remain in effect.

8. All of the requirements contained in the City’s Executive Order No. 2020-7, dated June 30, 2020, except those superseded here or by order of the Governor or the Public Health Officer, remain in effect.

9. All of the requirements contained in the City’s Executive Order No. 2020-8, dated July 7, 2020, except those superseded here or by order of the Governor or the Public Health Officer, remain in effect.

10. All of the requirements contained in the City’s Executive Order No. 2020-9, dated July 20, 2020, except those superseded here or by order of the Governor or the Public Health Officer, remain in effect.

11. All of the added provisions contained in the City’s Executive Order No. 2020-10, dated August 18, 2020, except those superseded here or by order of the Governor or the Public Health Officer, remain in effect, and the provisions extending the time for payment of park permit fees are extended through January 31, 2021, or until the City Council acts upon an emergency ordinance to waive the referenced fees, which shall be presented for the City Council’s consideration at the earliest practicable time.

12. All of the requirements contained in the City’s Executive Order No. 2020-11, dated October 22, 2020, except those superseded here or by order of the Governor or the Public Health Officer, remain in effect.

13. All of the requirements contained in the City’s Executive Order No. 2020-12, dated December 30, 2020, except those superseded here or by order of the Governor or the Public Health Officer, remain in effect.

14. All of the requirements contained in the City’s Executive Order No. 2021-1, dated January 25, 2021, except those superseded here or by order of the Governor or the Public Health Officer, remain in effect, and affirm that the provisions in paragraphs 1 and 2 of that order shall expire 60 days after restaurants are permitted by applicable state and local public health orders to resume indoor dining at 100% capacity.

Any violation of the above prohibitions may be referred for prosecution to the fullest extent of the law.
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Dated: January 28, 2021

[Signature]
Mayor Todd Gloria