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July 17, 2020: COVID-19 News Update

Dear Neighbors,

On Monday, July 13, San Diego County health officials followed Governor Newsom's recommendations to close all gyms, places of worship, nail and hair salons and indoor malls indefinitely. Coming just six days after local restaurants, bars and movie theaters faced a three-week restriction on indoor activities, this decision was reached because of the spike in new cases, a higher percentage of people testing positive, and an increase in the number of community outbreaks.

These closures continue to place an unprecedented strain on our economy. The lockdown has placed thousands of hard-working San Diegans under financial stress, and forced many small businesses out of existence while others continue to struggle.

The restaurant industry has been particularly hard hit. On July 14, the City Council voted unanimously to adopt an emergency ordinance allowing restaurant owners to expand onto the street spaces in front of their businesses as well as sidewalks and parking lots.

So please WEAR A FACE MASK WHEN YOU GO OUT IN PUBLIC, observe proper social distancing and wash your hands. Each of us can play a part in stopping the spread of this terrible virus.

With gratitude,

Council President Pro Tem

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District News

District 1 Census Participation Under 70 Percent

Completing the census is critical to securing community resources for the next 10 years, and as of now, less than 70 percent of District 1 residents have completed the census.

If you have yet to complete the census, please do so online at <https://2020census.gov/>.

Avenida de la Playa from El Paseo Grande to Ciallo de la Plata to Close to Vehicular Traffic from 7/22/20 to 9/27/20

Effective July 22, 2020 thru September, 27, 2020, Avenida de la Playa from El Paseo Grande to Ciallo de la Plata will be closed to vehicular traffic. During this period, local restaurants will set up dining tables over parking stalls in order to serve lunch and dinner, al fresco. From 11 a.m. until 10 p.m., there will be a twenty-foot wide pedestrian walkway down the center of Avenida de la Playa.

The goal is to provide safe outdoor dining in a pleasant atmosphere. A special thanks to Janie Emerson and Phil Wise for their hard work on this program!

"How's Small Business" District 1 Social Media Feature Series

During this difficult time, I feel it's important to hear from our local small businesses in their own words, which is why I created "How's Small Business?"

"How's Small Business?" features a different small-business owner as they candidly share their experiences during this unprecedented time.

Check out past profiles of [Spitfire Tacos / Head of Lettuce](#), [Girard Gourmet](#), [Le Dimora](#), [Geppetto's Toys](#), [Villa Capri Ristorante](#), [Decker's Dog + Cat](#), and [Marketplace Grille](#).

If you are a D1 small business owner and have a pandemic story you would like to share here, please e-mail BarbaraBry@sandiego.gov

City News

7/16 Special Environment Committee Votes to Accept Consultants' Reports and Draft a Resolution of Intent for a New Gas and Electric Franchise Agreement

I voted 'No' on the measure to move the draft Invitation to Bid for a new gas and electric franchise agreement to the full City Council. This is a rushed deal that lacks community input, independent review, and leaves too much on the table.

The City of San Diego's 50-year gas and electric franchise agreement with San Diego Gas & Electric Company expires January 2021. On July 16, the Environment Committee reviewed the draft Invitation to Bid, prepared by city officials, which provides the basic criteria under which SDG&E and other interested companies can submit a formal proposal. This is one of the most important issues the Council will consider in order for the City to meet its clean energy goals and get the best deal for San Diego residents.

I was disappointed that the Committee voted 3-1 to move the item forward to the full Council.

See my full statement [here](#).

7/15 Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods (PSLN) Committee Advances Item on Establishing Rules for the City's Acquisition and Use of Surveillance Technology and an Establishing a Privacy Commission to City Council

On Wednesday, July 15, Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods (PSLN) Committee convened and discussed a proposal to create an ordinance to establish rules for the City's acquisition and use of surveillance technology and an ordinance to establish a Privacy Commission.

This proposal, which passed, will actively engage community input and establish a privacy commission that can help explore best practices to protect data and work collaboratively with city staff when introducing new technologies to the city. This item was unanimously supported and forwarded to the full City Council.

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

7/15 City Announces Parking Enforcement to Resume August 1

The City of San Diego will resume full enforcement of all parking regulations on Saturday, August 1, 2020. Citations are still being issued for vehicles parked illegally at red, white and blue painted curbs.

7/14 City Council

The City Council voted on several items this week. Some key items were:

- Item 330 - Consideration of a Proposed Ballot Measure to Amend the San Diego Municipal Code to Establish Public Financing of Municipal Elections.
 - The Council voted to place this measure on the November ballot; it was not to vote on the measure itself.
 - **This item failed, and will not be on the November ballot.**
- Item S501 - Citywide Interim Urgency Ordinance to Allow Temporary Outdoor Business Operations, Temporary Signs, and Fee Waivers and Assessments for Special Event Permits for the Closure of Public Streets
 - This item permits restaurants and retail stores to temporarily expand outdoors on the sidewalk, in parking lanes, and in their private parking lots.
 - The proposal also relaxes sign regulations, allows wholesale sales direct to consumers, and waives fees for special event permits to facilitate closure of public streets -- at a cost to the City of up to \$300,000.
 - **This item passed.**
- Item S502 - Consideration of a Proposed Ballot Measure Concerning the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds to Finance the Construction of Affordable and Permanent Supportive Housing.
 - The Council voted to place this measure on the November ballot; it was not to vote on the measure itself.
 - **This item passed, and will be on the November ballot.**

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

County News

7/13 County to Close Indoor Operations at Gyms, Nail Salons and Other Sectors

Following new state guidance, the County closed indoor operations for certain sectors effective July 15.

They include:

- Gyms and fitness centers
- Places of worship
- Personal care services, including nail salons and massage and tattoo parlors
- Hair salons and barbershops
- Indoor malls
- Offices for non-essential sectors

These closures will remain in effect until further notice.

Article [here](#).

San Diego County Accepting Applications for Temporary COVID-19 Case Investigators (\$25/hour)

The County of San Diego has immediate openings for Temporary Case Investigators that will support the T3 (Test, Trace, Treat) response to the COVID 19 pandemic.

Applications will be accepted until Monday, July 20 at 11:59 p.m.. Those interested can learn more about the opportunity and apply [here](#).

Current Cases in San Diego County

As of 5 p.m. 7/16:

- Total Cases in San Diego County: 21,855
 - 0-9 years: 661 cases
 - 10-19 years: 1,525 case
 - 20-29 years: 5,429 cases
 - 30-39 years: 4,156 cases
 - 40-49 years: 3,144 cases
 - 50-59 years: 3,096 cases
 - 60-69 years: 1,924 cases
 - 70-79 years: 1,014 cases
 - 80+ years: 886 cases
 - Age unknown: 20
- Hospitalized Cases: 2,127
- Intensive Care Cases: 558
- Deaths: 465

Source [here](#).

State News

7/16 - Governor Newsom Announces \$600 Million in Homekey Funds Now Immediately Available for Local Governments to Purchase Housing for Homeless Californians

Governor Newsom announced the availability of \$600 million in funding for Homekey, the next phase in the state's response protecting Californians experiencing homelessness who are at high risk for serious illness from COVID-19.

Administered by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), the \$600 million in grant funding will be made available to counties, cities, and other government entities to purchase and rehabilitate housing including hotels, motels, vacant apartment buildings, and other types of innovative housing, and convert them into permanent, long-term housing for people experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness.

Press release [here](#).

Local Resources

Better Business Bureau Extends COVID-19 Emergency Grant Program

The Better Business Bureau's COVID-19 emergency grant program has been extended through at least September, 2020. These "Main St. Matters" grants are available to main-street businesses with 5-20 employees, and can be applied for [here](#).

8/20 Webinar Hosted by the National Conflict Resolution Center (NCRC) on Racial Justice

The National Conflict Resolution Center (NCRC) invites you to its webinar about racial justice on August 20, beginning at 7:00 p.m. PST. The event will feature the nation's leading scholars and New York Times #1 Best Sellers, Ibram X. Kendi and Robin DiAngelo, with Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Wesley Lowery.

Registration is required [here](#).

Government Resources

CA Dept. of Public Health:

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/ncov2019.aspx>

CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>

City of San Diego: <https://www.sandiego.gov/coronavirus>

Council District 1 Guide: [here](#)

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

Office of Governor Gavin Newsom: <https://www.gov.ca.gov/>

State of California Official COVID-19 resource: <https://covid19.ca.gov/>

Testing Information

State Managed Testing Sites

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

State Managed Testing Locations:

- Grossmont College, 8800 Grossmont College Dr., El Cajon, CA 92020
- Former Sears in Chula Vista, 565 Broadway, Chula Vista, CA 91910
- North Inland Live Well Center in Escondido, 649 W Mission Ave., Escondido, CA 92025
- Tubman-Chavez Center at 415 Euclid Avenue
- San Diego County Assessor Office at 200 S. Magnolia Avenue in El Cajon

County of San Diego Testing Sites

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

2-1-1 San Diego

For County updates about the coronavirus pandemic and its impact on our community, text COSD COVID19 to 468311.

Kaiser Permanente

Concerned about your specific health condition? Call 1-833-KP4CARE (1-833-574-2273) (TTY 711) to talk to a licensed care provider 24/7. If you think you have COVID-19 symptoms or believe you've been exposed, it's important to call before coming into a clinic or doctor visit.

[Link to website here](#)

Scripps Health COVID-19 Nurses Line

888-261-8431 (7 a.m. to 9 p.m., Mon - Fri, and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sat - Sun)

Those determined to have a risk of infection might be instructed to go to one of three cabanas located outside our urgent care centers for further testing or, if necessary, to an urgent care center or emergency room for further treatment.

The cabanas are located outside of:

- Scripps Clinic Torrey Pines (opening Friday, March 13)
- Scripps Clinic Rancho Bernardo (opening Tuesday, March 17)
- Scripps Coastal Medical Center Vista (opening Tuesday, March 17)

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)

UCSD Health COVID-19 Nurses Line

800-926-8273 (8 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day)

Patients should not walk in or schedule an appointment online. They should first call the COVID-19 nurse line BEFORE coming to any hospital or clinic. After answering questions, they will be directed to a video visit or a location for the necessary evaluation and testing.

Council President Pro Tem Barbara Bry represents San Diego City Council District 1, which includes the communities of Carmel Valley, Del Mar Heights, Del Mar Mesa, La Jolla, Pacific Highlands Ranch, Torrey Hills, Torrey Pines, and University City.