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**July 23, 2020: COVID-19 News Update**

Dear Neighbors,

Necessity is the mother of invention, and that saying was brought to life yesterday at the grand opening of Avenida de la Playa's new al fresco dining set-up. Each day through September, from 11 a.m.-10 p.m., La Jolla Shores' main drag (from El Paseo Grande to Calle de la Plata) will be closed to vehicles to create an elegant al fresco dining experience for the community.

I'm grateful to City staff and community activists Phil, Janie and Coco from the La Jolla Shores Association for willing this dream into reality. I was genuinely blown away by how well it came together when I visited on opening night.

Now that al fresco dining is up and running, it's up to us to do our part to help our local restaurant industry. (The extra tables set up on the street in front of Piatti, for example, create 35 new shifts for its workers!) Check out my video [here](#) for a few tips that restaurant owners want you to know about dining out during COVID-19, and make sure to check out the al fresco dining for yourself at the following Shores locations:

- Osteria Romantica (858-551-1221)
- Shore Rider (858-412-5308)
- Piatti (858-454-1589)
- Cheese Shop (858-459-3921)
- Scoops Ice Cream (858-246-6321)
- Brick & Bell (858-459-3300)
- Shore House Kitchen (858-459-3300)
- The Corner Mercantile (858-246-6294)
- NeighborSaver Market (858-456-0260)

Finally, please remember to social distance and **wear a mask** until you are seated and enjoying your food!

With gratitude,

*Council President Pro Tem*

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### District News

#### City Council Approves New Concrete Panels On Coast Boulevard

San Diego City Council approved the much-needed replacement of concrete street panels on Coast Blvd. from Prospect St. to Girard Ave., as well as Cave St.

This was the site of last summer's emergency road-stabilization work to fill a subterranean sea cave. The project (No. 651033, Item 334) includes the installation of new ADA-compliant curb ramps, driveways and parking spaces, and a new 24-inch storm drain.

### City News

#### 7/22 Rules Committee

The Rules Committee convened this week, voting to advance a proposal for an ordinance establishing a Privacy Advisory Commission. Next, this proposal will go to the City Attorney for legal analysis, then the full City Council.

You can read a copy of the full Privacy Advisory Commission ordinance [here](#).

#### 7/21 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 City Charter to Establish Ranked Choice Voting in the City of San Diego.
  - The Council voted on whether to place this measure on the November ballot; it was not to vote on the measure itself.
  - **This item failed (4-5) and will not be on the November ballot.**
    - **I voted "Yes" on this item** - *I am disappointed the measure failed to get majority support. Adopting ranked-choice voting would have opened the political field to more candidates and would have further accomplished clean election goals by eliminating taxpayer cost and empowering grass-root candidates.*
- Item 335 - Amendments to the Land Development Code and the Local Coastal Program to Add Movable Tiny Houses to the Ordinance for Companion Units and Junior Units
  - **This item passed.**
    - **I voted "Yes" on this item.**
- Item S501 - Consideration of a Proposed Ballot Measure to Exclude the Midway-Pacific Highway Community Plan Area from Coastal Zone Height Limits.
  - The Council voted on whether 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.**
    - **I voted "No" on this item**

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

#### 7/20 Executive Order Expands Outdoor Options for San Diego Gyms, Churches and Salons

Mayor Faulconer signed an [executive order](#) expanding outdoor options for businesses and places of worship following state restrictions on indoor operations. The Mayor's executive order allows businesses – including gyms, churches, barbershops and nail salons – to expand their operations into private parking lots effective immediately.

In the coming weeks, similar to restaurants, City Council will vote to further expand outdoor options for additional businesses to include sidewalks and on-street parking.

Press release [here](#).

### **County News**

#### **7/20 New County Budget Released Amidst Pandemic and Economic Crises**

The County's recommended \$6.4 billion budget for fiscal year 2020-21 was released July 20. The total shows an increase of \$159 million or 2.5% over last year and includes \$100 million to fight the COVID-19 public health crisis.

Also, to address major revenue shortfalls and expenditure needs, the County's budget calls for dipping into the County's reserves and slowing down or stopping non-essential services and projects.

Article [here](#).

### **Current Cases in San Diego County**

As of 5 p.m. 7/23:

- Total Cases in San Diego County: 25,608
  - 0-9 years: 770 cases
  - 10-19 years: 1,879case
  - 20-29 years: 6,444 cases
  - 30-39 years: 4,868 cases
  - 40-49 years: 3,702 cases
  - 50-59 years: 3,644 cases
  - 60-69 years: 2,210 cases
  - 70-79 years: 1,118 cases
  - 80+ years: 947 cases
  - Age unknown: 26
- Hospitalized Cases: 2,309
- Intensive Care Cases: 599
- Deaths: 512

Source [here](#).

### **State News**

#### **7/22 - Governor Newsom Announces Enhanced State Stockpile, Purchase of 420 Million New Protective Masks**

Governor Newsom announced new actions to strengthen the state's response to COVID-19. These new plans include maintaining a stockpile of 100 million N-95 respirators and 200 million surgical masks and securing an additional 120 million N-95 masks and 300 million more surgical masks to distribute to front-line workers through a new bridge contract.

Press release [here](#).

#### **7/17 - Governor Gavin Newsom Lays Out Pandemic Plan for Learning and Safe Schools**

Governor Newsom announced his plan for learning and safe schools ahead of the 2020–2021 school year, as the California Department of Public Health issued a framework for when and how schools should reopen for in-person instruction.

The Governor's plan centers on five key areas:

- Safe in-person school based on local health data
- Strong mask requirements for anyone in the school
- Physical distancing requirements & other adaptations
- Regular testing and dedicated contact tracing for outbreaks at schools
- Rigorous distance learning

The full guidance from the California Department of Public Health for schools and school-based programs can be found [here](#). Press release [here](#).

### **Local Resources**

#### **COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance Program**

Applications for the COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance Program are now open to low-income residents through August 7.

Through this program, which the City Council passed unanimously on June 30, households earning 60% of SD's median income (\$64,200/year for a family of 4) that were impacted by COVID-19 can qualify to receive up to \$4k in rental support.

Residents can apply [here](#).

#### **Urgent Need for Serving Seniors Volunteers**

Serving Seniors, a local organization that delivers meals to seniors, is in urgent need of volunteers! If you are over 18 and have at least 2 hours to spare, call Elle at (619) 487-9605 to arrange a shift.

Shifts run from 9a - 1p Mon/Tue/Friday and 1-5p Wed/Thursday.

#### **County's Aging Hotline**

San Diego County has set up a hotline dedicated to assisting older adults with questions or needs. If you need assistance, call the County's Aging Hotline at 1-800-339-4661.

### **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.*