



Office of Council President Pro Tem Barbara Bry
San Diego City Council
District 1

March 26, 2020
Contact: Moriah Gaynor
mgaynor@sandiego.gov
C: (619) 207-8616

March 26, 2020: Daily COVID-19 News Update

Dear Community Members,

On Monday, March 30 at 5 p.m., I will host a COVID-19 webinar with two experts, Dr. Thomas R. Martin and Dr. Erica Ollmann Saphire, who will demystify the science and explain what we know so far about the novel coronavirus pandemic.

To register for this discussion, please use [this link](#). Also, if you would like to ask one of our experts a question, you can submit your questions ahead of time to khanr@sandiego.gov.

Additionally, yesterday City Council approved a \$6.1M relief package for small businesses. Financial assistance, in the form of grants and loans, will range from \$10,000 to \$20,000 and will be allocated to eligible, qualified small businesses based on the availability of funds, program guidelines, and the submission of all required information and supporting documentation.

To apply, businesses can access the application at <https://www.sandiego.gov/SBRF>. The application will be available on Friday, March 27, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.. Businesses may only apply once, and after the applicant submits the online form, an Economic Development Department staff member will contact the applicant within 1-3 business days to obtain the required supporting documentation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Barbara Bry".

Council President Pro Tem

+++++

City News

Park Bathrooms to Stay Open Despite Park Closures

Per Parks and Recreation, all comfort stations in City parks will remain open regardless of park closures, as a sanitation and safety issue.

City officials projecting \$83M drop in hotel tax, \$26M drop in sales tax through June 30

City officials said Thursday that they are likely facing budget cuts because the pandemic will cost San Diego an estimated \$109 million in projected revenue through June 30 — the end of the ongoing budget year.

San Diego UT article [here](#).

County News

Medi-Cal, CalWORKS, CalFresh, and General Relief Benefits Continue without Interruption

County HHSA also announced that Medi-Cal, CalWORKS, CalFresh, and General Relief benefits will continue for April, May, and June without interruption. This decision will provide some additional stability to the social safety net in this uncertain time. The County will contact recipients at a later date if any information is required for their cases.

Treasurer-tax Collector To Accept Penalty Cancellation Requests In Response To Coronavirus

For those who are directly impacted by the coronavirus and are unable to pay on time, they can file a [penalty cancellation request](#). All such requests will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis after April 10. This will require documentation of how the taxpayer was impacted by the virus that interfered with their ability to deliver the payment by April 10 (e.g. hospitalization). Requests will be approved as allowed by law.

Press release [here](#).

Current Cases in San Diego County

As of 5 p.m. 3/26:

- Total Cases in San Diego County: 341
 - 0-9 years: 3 cases
 - 10-19 years: 3 case
 - 20-29 years: 66 cases
 - 30-39 years: 89 cases
 - 40-49 years: 61 cases
 - 50-59 years: 53 cases
 - 60-69 years: 26 cases
 - 70-79 years: 25 cases
 - 80+ years: 14 cases
 - Age unknown: 1 case
- Hospitalized Cases: 69
- Intensive Care Cases: 31
- Deaths: 3

Source [here](#).

Federal News

Senate COVID-19 Stimulus Deal Agreed On

The Senate unanimously approved a \$2 trillion package to provide a jolt to an economy struggling amid the coronavirus pandemic.

Under the bill, single Americans would receive \$1,200, married couples would get \$2,400, and parents would see \$500 for each child under age 17.

The agreed upon framework includes the following:

- \$500 billion in aid for corporations, including the airline industry, cruise industry, and hotels
- \$375 billion in forgivable loans and grants to small businesses and nonprofits
- \$260 billion to expand unemployment insurance
- \$150 billion in grants, PPE, testing supplies, and workforce training for hospitals
- \$150 billion in relief to state and local governments
- Direct cash payments to individual Americans (estimated between \$250-\$500 billion)

Article on the bill [here](#). Article on what you can expect regarding stimulus checks [here](#).

Local Resources

Drive Through Food Distribution for Low-Income Families & Seniors - SDCCU Stadium on 3/28, 9 a.m.

The San Diego Food Bank, in partnership with the San Diego & Imperial Counties Labor Council, is hosting a mass “drive through” food distribution for low-income families and seniors at SDCCU Stadium on Saturday, March 28 from 9 a.m. until all of the food is gone.

Article [here](#).

Stay Home SD

Stay Home SD is an organization using donations to purchase basic food and supplies, which are then delivered to the homes of elderly individuals throughout San Diego.

If you are over 65, live in San Diego, and need basic necessities, please fill out the form at the bottom of the website or call the organization at (619) 800-3252, to request assistance.

Link to website [here](#).

San Diego Chamber of Commerce Resources

The San Diego Chamber of Commerce has created a list of organizations looking for support. This list will update this as they hear of more opportunities. Link [here](#).

They have also created a special listing of businesses that are open and providing services and special offers you can use now. These include restaurants, IT firms, digital advertising, graphic design, printing, among others. Link [here](#).

Owners of Two UTC Restaurants Matching Donations to Provide Meals to First Responders

The Kavod Fund and two local business owners, Scott and Thai Slater, have partnered to form the “San Diego Ready Meals Fund.”

For every dollar donated, Spitfire and Head Lettuce will match that amount and use your donation to build meals for those on the front line. Your donation will support our efforts to provide healthful grain and protein bowls as well as salads from our La Jolla-based restaurants Spitfire Tacos and Head Lettuce.

Link [here](#).

La Jolla Resident Offering Free Flow Logistic Consulting

A local La Jolla resident with over 25 years of consulting experience is offering free consultations for local businesses offering essential services.

More information can be found [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>

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/>

Health Information

211 San Diego

<https://211sandiego.org/>

2-1-1 San Diego in partnership with County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency's Public Health Services department is actively responding to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

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

Drive-up testing at SDCCU Stadium

Only for patients who are referred by a physician.

Kaiser Permanente

If you're 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 nurse 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

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 nurse 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.