



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

April 2, 2020  
Contact: Moriah Gaynor  
mgaynor@sandiego.gov  
C: (619) 207-8616

**April 2, 2020: Daily COVID-19 News Update**

Dear Community Members,

**Starting tomorrow, April 3, small businesses can begin applying for the [Paycheck Protection Program](#), designed to provide a direct incentive for small businesses to keep their workers on the payroll.**

These loans are federally backed, and will be fully forgiven if the funds are used for payroll costs, interest on mortgages, rent, and utilities (due to likely high subscription, at least 75% of the forgiven amount must have been used for payroll).

You can apply through any existing SBA 7(a) lender or through any federally insured depository institution, federally insured credit union, and Farm Credit System institution that is participating.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/paycheck-protection-program-ppp>.

As always, if you have questions related to this or another issue, my office is here to help!

Sincerely,

*Council President Pro Tem*

+++++

**City News**

**Mayor Directs All Available City Property to Support a COVID-19 Patient Surge**

The mayor announced a directive to offer all available City property to accommodate the expected surge in COVID-19 patients.

Press release [here](#).

**County News**

**4/2 Press Conference Updates**

Several new regulations were announced out at today's press conference. Regulations, which go into effect Friday at midnight, include:

- Mandatory non-medical-grade masks to be worn by workers at businesses that interact with the public including grocery stores, pharmacies, and gas stations
- A requirement for all businesses that remain open to set physical distancing and hygiene procedures and post the guidance at the entrance to their business by Tuesday, 4/7
- All parking lots at park and recreation facilities in the county's jurisdiction are to close

Additionally, it was announced that while the public is not required to wear face coverings in public, they are urged to do so.

Article [here](#).

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

As of 5 p.m. 4/3:

- Total Cases in San Diego County: 966
  - 0-9 years: 8 cases
  - 10-19 years: 9 case
  - 20-29 years: 187 cases
  - 30-39 years: 216 cases
  - 40-49 years: 170 cases
  - 50-59 years: 149 cases
  - 60-69 years: 108 cases
  - 70-79 years: 71 cases
  - 80+ years: 45 cases
  - Age unknown: 3
- Hospitalized Cases: 181
- Intensive Care Cases: 70
- Deaths: 16

Source [here](#).

### **State News**

#### **Governor Newsom Announces New Help for Small Businesses & Workers Displaced by COVID-19**

Governor Gavin Newsom unveiled a series of new resources to aid small businesses and help California workers who have lost work due to COVID-19.

Beginning tomorrow, 4/3, California small businesses impacted by the COVID-19 crisis can apply for a loan from the federal government for up to \$10 million. Importantly, the program is first-come, first-serve and the Governor encourages all eligible California small businesses to contact their lender to learn more.

The Governor also announced that the state is allocating \$50 million to the California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank for loan guarantees to small businesses to help eliminate barriers to capital for individuals who do not qualify for federal funds, including low wealth and undocumented immigrant communities.

The state is also allowing small businesses to defer payment of sales and use taxes of up to \$50,000, for up to 12 months.

Full press release [here](#).

## **Governor Newsom Signs Executive Order Protecting Homes, Small Businesses from Water Shutoffs**

Governor Gavin Newsom signed an executive order that will restrict water shutoffs to homes and small businesses while the state responds to the COVID-19 pandemic. The order protects consumers who may not be able to pay for their water service from shutoffs.

Already, over 100 public and private water systems across California have voluntarily suspended water shutoffs for non-payment as a result of COVID-19. Under the order, the State Water Resources Control Board will issue best practices and guidelines on support for the state's water systems during this time

Full press release [here](#).

## **California Department of Public Health Recommends Wearing a Cloth Face Covering in Public**

Governor Gavin Newsom signed an executive order to allow for the immediate use of funds to support the state's continuing efforts to protect public health and respond to the COVID-19 crisis.

The executive order facilitates expenditures from the state's Disaster Response-Emergency Operations Account, a subaccount of the Special Fund for Economic Uncertainties in the General Fund – the state's traditional budget reserve – as well as from any other legally available fund to help with the COVID-19 response.

Full press release [here](#).

## **Governor Newsom Issues Executive Order Providing for Expedited Resources for COVID-19 Response**

The California Department of Public Health now recommends wearing a cloth face covering in public to provide "additional protection" against the spread of coronavirus.

The state is not requiring that people wear face coverings, and public health officials emphasize they are not a substitute for social distancing and hand washing.

California Department of Public Health face covering guide [here](#).

## **Federal News**

### **President Issues Order Under Defense Production Act**

This order was issued under the Defense Production Act to more fully ensure that domestic manufacturers can produce ventilators needed to save American lives. The order to the Secretary of Health and Human Services and the Secretary of Homeland Security will help domestic manufacturers like General Electric, Hill-Rom, Medtronic, ResMed, Royal Philips, and Vyair Medical secure the supplies they need to build ventilators needed to defeat the virus.

Press release [here](#).

## **Local Resources**

### **San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce Upcoming Webinars**

The SD Regional Chamber of Commerce will be hosting webinars related to continuing work amidst COVID-19. All are free and open to the public.

- LEAD San Diego Webinar Series: Leading in a New Reality

- LEAD San Diego and JONES are co-hosting a new weekly webinar series aimed at maintaining a strong team dynamic while also balancing the demands of working remotely while caring for children, parents, and others at home.
- 4/8 from 2 to 3 p.m.
- Registration and additional details [here](#).
- SANDAG iCommute Hosts Telework Webinar
  - The SANDAG iCommute team will host free telework webinars to support regional employers and employees in the shift to teleworking amid the COVID-19 crisis.
  - 4/3 at 11 a.m.
  - Registration and additional details [here](#).

### **Water News Network and Water Authority Tap Water Statement**

The Water Authority wants to remind San Diegians that the region's tap water is safe to drink and that buying bottled water is not necessary.

Additionally, the Water Authority has released a news website to provide updates to the public. The news website is: <https://www.watertextnetwork.com/>

### **Accion Payment Relief & Recovery Financial Assistance Plan**

Accion has developed a Payment Relief & Recovery Financial Assistance Plan offering the following:

- Payment deferrals and/or interest only payments for up to 650 eligible active clients affected by the COVID-19 situation
- A recovery loan product for approximately 200 small businesses affected that will offer no payment for 2 months, interest only payments for 4 months and a low interest rate .
- Education: Accion is committed to supporting clients with one-on-one assistance and support during this time with resources, training and education. Its full team is available digitally and check out our live resource page being updated daily: <http://social.accion.org/covidresources>

### **Feeding San Diego**

Feeding San Diego is continuing its operations and is striving to minimize disruptions to its distribution schedule as much as possible.

To reduce risk of community transmission of COVID-19, Feeding San Diego is refining existing protocols and implementing new methods of food distribution, such as drive-through pickups that adhere to social distancing practices, which requires individuals to remain six feet apart.

If you need food or assistance, please search for the nearest food distribution site to you [here](#).

To view Feeding San Diego's COVID-19 response, please click [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 Local 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/>

## **Health Information**

### **Drive-up testing at SDCCU Stadium**

Only for patients who get referred by a physician.

### **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.

### **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.*