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May 15, 2020: COVID-19 News Update

Dear Neighbors,

I am excited to invite you to two virtual opportunities to engage with me as well as your fellow neighbors and San Diegans!

The first event is the next installment in my **'House Calls' webinar series, "Remote Learning: School Yourself!"**

Join me on Zoom at 5 p.m. on Monday, May 18 to hear tips from local education experts Leonita Cole, Meghann Hughes and Erin Summit on how to best educate students from afar.

Register [here](#) and submit your questions to khanr@sandiego.gov. You will also be able to ask questions during the webinar.

The second event is **"B.Y.O.Bry" (formerly known as "Brews with Bry")** - an opportunity to grab a beverage and voice your community concerns directly to me. This event will be held on Zoom tomorrow, Saturday, May 16, from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m..

Previous community events have been successful because I was able to hear directly from you about your concerns, so to help maintain an intimate setting, please sign up [here](#) for one of our 15-minute sessions, based on which District 1 community you live in.

Carmel Valley / Del Mar Mesa / Torrey Hills: 9:30 - 9:45 a.m.
Torrey Pines: 9:45 - 10 a.m.
University City: 10 - 10:15 a.m.
La Jolla 10:15 - 10:30 a.m.

After registering, you will receive Zoom instructions.

I look forward to virtually engaging with you!

With gratitude,

Council President Pro Tem

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City News

5/14 - Housing Construction Continues During Pandemic as City of San Diego Moves to All Permitting Online

Major changes were implemented by the City of San Diego Development Services Development (DSD) to keep housing construction going. DSD will now accept all permits online for all new projects and implement safety protocols to protect workers at construction sites.

Press release [here](#).

5/14 - City of San Diego to Reopen Three Reservoirs for Fishing, Boating & Exercise

The City of San Diego will reopen three of its reservoirs to public recreation this weekend, with the Miramar and Murray reservoirs opening Friday followed by the Lower Otay Reservoir on Saturday.

With new protocols in place, the three popular reservoirs will be open during regular business hours for walking, jogging, cycling, fishing and boating. Normal fishing and boating fees will apply. Recreational users are asked to observe COVID-19 preventative measures, including mandates for facial coverings and physical distancing. More information is available on the City's website at sandiego.gov/coronavirus.

Press release [here](#).

5/12 - San Diego to Donate Face Shields to Tijuana as Border Command Group Works to Address COVID-19

Mayor Faulconer announced the donation of 1,000 3D-printed face shields from the City of San Diego to the City of Tijuana for use in public hospitals. Mayor Faulconer also detailed a new regional working group that tracks and monitors the pandemic in San Diego and Baja California.

Press release [here](#).

County News

5/14 - Percentage of Positive COVID-19 Among Tested Continuing Down

Nearly 4,000 COVID-19 tests were reported May 13, the highest daily total since testing began to be conducted in the region. At the same time, the percentage of positive COVID-19 cases has been going down, a sign that the region is moving in the right direction in containing the spread of the novel coronavirus.

Article [here](#).

5/13 - As Region Takes Steps to Reopen, Gatherings Still Not Allowed

While some businesses have been allowed to reopen and recreational activities are occurring with some restrictions, gatherings are still prohibited.

Since graduations are right around the corner, County officials indicated that drive-thru celebrations are permitted, provided they follow the local health guidance.

Restrictions for drive-thru celebrations include:

- No exiting vehicles
- No open snack stands

- No open bathrooms
- No spectators
- No people in the vehicle who are not part of the same household

Article [here](#).

5/12 - Some Offices, Malls, Other Businesses Can Reopen with Restrictions

Some offices and other businesses in San Diego County will be allowed to reopen after the state lifted more restrictions in the statewide stay-at-home order. Office-based businesses can open, though telework remains strongly encouraged and physical distancing is required to the maximum extent possible. Employees must also wear face coverings.

Shopping malls, including strip malls and outlet malls, can also reopen, but only for pick-up service. No customers are allowed inside the stores. There should also be clearly marked curbside and outside pick up points.

Also, on the list for reopening are car washes, pet grooming, landscaping and gardening businesses, as well as outdoor museums. All businesses must follow hygiene, physical distancing, and health screening guidelines. Locally the health officer's order continues to require face coverings.

Article [here](#).

Current Cases in San Diego County

As of 5 p.m. 5/15:

- Total Cases in San Diego County: 5,523
 - 0-9 years: 68 cases
 - 10-19 years: 181 case
 - 20-29 years: 895 cases
 - 30-39 years: 1,054 cases
 - 40-49 years: 921 cases
 - 50-59 years: 1,013 cases
 - 60-69 years: 628 cases
 - 70-79 years: 391 cases
 - 80+ years: 366 cases
 - Age unknown: 6
- Hospitalized Cases: 1,070
- Intensive Care Cases: 325
- Deaths: 208

Source [here](#).

State News

5/14 - Governor Newsom Submits May Revision Budget Proposal to Legislature

Governor Newsom submitted his 2020-21 May Revision budget proposal to the Legislature – a balanced plan to close a budget gap of more than \$54 billion brought on swiftly by the COVID-19 recession.

Press release [here](#).

Local Resources

Rady School of Management launches COVID-19 Business Recovery Coalition

The Rady School of Management at the University of California San Diego launched the Rady School Business Recovery Coalition to help businesses in the San Diego region navigate the unprecedented challenges faced by COVID-19.

The new initiative draws on expertise from the UC San Diego community to provide immediate pro bono assistance and guidance to San Diego businesses during these extraordinary times.

Businesses that want a consultation with a Rady Business Recovery Coalition associate should click [here](#).

“Great Plates Delivered” to Send Free Meals to Seniors

Qualified older adults in the region can now sign up to receive three free and healthy meals a day delivered to their home for a limited time through the “Great Plates Delivered” program.

The initiative is a collaboration between the County and local restaurants. The goal of the program is to help older adults, who are at a higher risk of developing complications from COVID-19, avoid going out to restaurants or the grocery store to get food. The meal delivery is scheduled to run through June 10, though it may be extended.

More information [here](#).

Saturday, May 16 at 12 p.m. - Black Political Association of California (BAPAC) SD Distance Learning Webinar

Facebook and BAPAC SD members are invited to hear from Distance Learning experts as they share online learning best practices.

Experts include:

- Executive Director Pruess High School UCSD Dr. Helen Griffith
- Sr. Staff Engineer, Qualcomm Dr. Michael Alston
- Educational Leader in Visual and Performing Arts Dr. Marie Zhivago
- MBA CEO of the STEAM Collaborative Jasmine Sadler
- MA Best Practices Parent, PUSD, Health Equity Coordinator Dhalia Balmir

Better Business Bureau (BBB) Grant Program - “Main Street Matters!”

The Better Business Bureau is offering emergency \$500 or \$1,000 grants for businesses who have been financially impacted during the COVID-19 crisis.

Application and more information [here](#).

High Road Kitchens (HRK)

High Road Kitchens is a program that represents a statewide network of independent restaurants which provide jobs for restaurant workers and a subsidy for responsible restaurant owners who commit to paying a living wage and following equitable employment practices across the state.

The San Diego Workforce Partnership and The San Diego Foundation are coordinating with local restaurants and One Fair Wage to fund the training, start-up costs and initial wages for workers rehired as part of this initiative.

More information [here](#).

USS Midway Museum Video - Former Military Heroes Thanking Today's Frontline Heroes

To thank essential workers, the USS Midway Museum launched a new digital commercial where several combat heroes express their appreciation for those heroes working on the COVID-19 frontlines.

Video [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

County of San Diego Testing Sites

Doctor's referral and an appointment through 2-1-1 are required for testing at County sites.

County Testing Locations:

- Live Well Center at Chula Vista, 690 Oxford Street, Chula Vista, CA 91911
 - 1 – 7 p.m. Monday to Friday
- SDCCU Stadium

211 San Diego

<https://211sandiego.org/>

2-1-1 San Diego, in partnership with the 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

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.