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March 16, 2020: Daily COVID-19 News Update

Dear Community Members,

COVID-19 is a rapidly evolving situation, so to aid the spread of timely, accurate information, I will be delivering a daily update on federal, state, county, and city COVID-19 related developments.

This update will be released via social media each day by 5 p.m.. To receive these updates follow @barbarabryd1 or subscribe to email news alerts at <https://www.sandiego.gov/citycouncil/cd1>.

The Office of Councilmember Bry is here and working for you, and we appreciate your patience during this time.

Sincerely,

Councilmember Barbara Bry

Federal News

March 16 Update: Coronavirus Guidelines

This afternoon, President Trump and the White House Coronavirus Task Force issued new guidelines to help protect Americans during the global Coronavirus outbreak.

These new guidelines include:

- Working or engaging in school from home whenever possible
- Avoiding social gatherings of more than 10 people
- Avoiding eating or drinking at bars, restaurants, and food courts and using drive-thru, pick-up, or deliver options
- Avoiding discretionary travel
- Not visiting nursing, retirement, or long-term care facilities unless to provide critical assistance
- Practicing good hygiene

State News

Office of Governor Newsom

On Sunday, March 15, 2020, Governor Newsom updated previous advisories to include the [following safety directories](#):

- Directing all seniors 65+ and those with chronic conditions to self-isolate
- Directing all bars, breweries, wineries, etc. to close
- Directing restaurants to cut their occupancy in half and implement social distancing guidelines
- State is acquiring hotels and motels for homeless and other vulnerable populations
- Releasing guidelines on Monday regarding evictions
- Releasing guidelines on Tuesday for schools that have chosen to remain open
- Releasing guidelines on Tuesday for childcare facilities that remain open
- State looking to bring a minimum of 750 additional hospital beds online

County News

March 16 Coronavirus Update

Effective 12:00 a.m. on Monday, March 16, 2020, and continuing until 11:59 p.m. on March 31, 2020, the following will be in effect for San Diego County:

- All public or private “gatherings,” with more than 50 people are prohibited and all non-essential gatherings of any size are strongly discouraged.
- All bars, adult entertainment establishments, and other business establishments that serve alcohol and do not serve food, shall close.
- All restaurants and other business establishments that serve food shall close all on-site dining. All food served shall be by delivery, or through pick-up or drive thru. Social distancing shall be required for persons picking up food on premises.
- All businesses shall enact social distancing, increased sanitation standards, and shall make every effort to use telecommuting for its workforce. All businesses shall suspend any policy or procedure requiring doctor verification for sick or other leave approval.
- All public or private schools, colleges, and universities shall not hold classes or other school activities where students gather on the school campus.
- A strong recommendation is made that all persons who are 65 years old or older, have a chronic underlying condition, or have a compromised immune system self-quarantine themselves at home.
- “Non-essential personnel,” are prohibited from entry into any hospital or long-term care facility. All essential personnel who show any potential signs or symptoms of COVID-19 shall be strictly prohibited from entry into hospitals or long-term care facilities.
- Hospitals and healthcare providers shall take measures to preserve resources including delaying non-emergency or elective surgeries or procedures where feasible.
- Hospitals, healthcare providers, and commercial testing laboratories shall report all COVID-19 test results to the Public Health Officer immediately after such results are received.
- All persons arriving in the county, from locations as found on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Warning Level 3 Travel Advisory shall be subject to 14- day home quarantine, self-monitoring. This includes originating or connecting flights through these countries and includes South Korea, Japan, Italy, China and Iran, and any other country that is subsequently added to that list, which is available at: (<https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices>).
- A strong recommendation is made for persons exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 to self-isolate themselves in their place of residence unless seeking medical treatment.

The full statement can be found here:

<https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/Epidemiology/HealthOfficerOrderCOVID19.pdf>

Positive Cases in San Diego County Since 2/14

- 55 Total Cases
- 0 Deaths

School Closures

Several public school districts, including San Diego Unified, are now closed. A complete list of local school closures can be found online at the San Diego County Office of Education's website (<https://www.sdcoe.net/news/Pages/March-COVID-19-School-Closures.aspx>.)

City News

City Council

City Council will vote on two items on Tuesday, March 17, 2020*

- Ratify the Mayor's state of emergency declaration
- Discuss possible City Council COVID-19 related actions

Exact time, location, and public accessibility details are still TBD.

**The docket is an evolving issue and is accurate at time of publication, but may change depending on circumstances. Current dockets can be found here: <https://www.sandiego.gov/city-clerk/officialdocs/council-agendas-minutes-results>*

SDG&E

SDG&E has advised our regulators that we are voluntarily suspending all utility disconnections until further notice.

Their Emergency Operations Center remains activated, with 24/7 monitoring and support to ensure continued field operations focusing solely on safety and reliability. SDG&E has a pandemic task force at the operational and officer level and is also working closely with peer utilities around the country and are adopting best practices from our trade associations.

Notice for City Employees over 65

In light of the Governor's directive, effective immediately, employees who are 65 and older should notify their supervisor that they fall into this category and be allowed to telecommute or be placed on HR Paid Administrative Leave if they are not able to telecommute.

Employees over 65, throughout the City, who fill public health and safety positions should coordinate with their supervisors to ensure their critical day-to-day responsibilities are covered prior to approval of telecommute work or administrative leave. Human Resources is reviewing a list by department of employees that fall into this category. The list of employees will be available to Department Directors tomorrow morning. Additional information regarding the leave code to be used for all COVID-19 related leaves and expenses will be discussed during the conference call tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. If you have any questions please contact me at (619) 316-2960.

Local Resources

Continued School Lunch

Any student age 2 to 18 can go to any school site providing meals and receive food during this period of school closures due to COVID-19. Please visit the link below for the food service sites confirmed by the San Diego County Office of Education, where students will be provided meals during the school closures beginning March 16 (updates to this page will be made as more information is available.)

<https://www.sdcoe.net/news/Pages/20-03-13-student-food-service-during-district-closures.aspx>

Computers 2 Kids (C2K)

With the recent school closures amid the coronavirus outbreak, C2K recognizes that not everyone will have access to technology and the internet that is needed to continue their studies and they are here to help.

To apply for an affordable computer or internet go to www.c2k.org. Once you submit your application, you will receive a confirmation via email or text message to come pick up your computer.

For questions, call (858) 200-9788 or email programs@c2sdk.org.

Scripps Health

Scripps Health has launched a COVID-19 nurse line that connects patients to a team of nurses dedicated to screening people with symptoms associated with the new coronavirus.

The number for this line is: 888-261-8431 and is staffed from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Friday, and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday.

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)

Cabanas are only available to patients directed there through the nurse line. If directed to one of the cabanas, patients will be provided information on where to park their vehicle and given a phone number to call the team in the cabana once they arrive. The provider will meet the patient in their vehicle, provide them with a mask and perform the necessary evaluation and testing.

Blood Donation

COVID-19 (coronavirus) travel restrictions will potentially decrease blood donations and impact blood supply. Help us be prepared and consider donating blood. Coronavirus does not pose any inherent risk to blood donors during the donation process or from attending blood drives.

"It's safe to donate blood," said Admiral Brett P. Giroir, M.D., Assistant Secretary of Health, "Part of preparedness includes a robust blood supply. Healthy individuals should schedule an appointment to donate today to ensure that blood is available for patients who need it."

More information here: <https://www.sandiegobloodbank.org/blood-donations-needed-amid-coronavirus-concerns>

Online Resources

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

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

California Department of Public Health :

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

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

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

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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.

¹ San Diego Municipal Code Section 141.0302(e).