



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

March 19, 2020
Contact: Moriah Gaynor
mgaynor@sandiego.gov
C: (619) 207-8616

March 19, 2020: Daily COVID-19 News Update

Dear Community Members,

A few key resources I want to point out today:

- The following local stores have designated shopping time for at-risk individuals:
 - Albertsons: 7 - 9 a.m. Tuesdays & Thursdays
 - Barons Market: 9 - 10 a.m. every day
 - Costco: 8 - 9 a.m. Monday - Friday
 - Gelson's: 7 - 8 a.m. every day
 - Northgate Market: 7 - 8 a.m. every day
 - Smart & Final: 7:30 - 8 a.m. every day
 - Target: 8 - 9 a.m. Wednesdays only
 - Vallarta: 7 - 8 a.m. every day Vons: 7 - 9 a.m. Tuesdays & Thursdays
 - Whole Foods: 1 hour before official opening every day
- Residents can opt to receive COVID-19 updates from San Diego County vis SMS. **Text COSD COVID19 to 468-311 to get text alert updates.**
- The Aging and Independence Services Department of the County Health and Human Services Agency will be delivering meals to all seniors at home age 60 and above. **To sign up for this service call or email at 619-236-6572 or meals@servingseiors.org**

Please visit www.sandiego.gov/citycouncil/cd1/news to access a PDF version of this email. **As a PDF, you will be able to download this update, select the links, and enlarge the text.**

Since my last update, here's what you need to know.

Federal News

President Signs Families First Coronavirus Response Act

President Trump has signed the *Families First Coronavirus Response Act* into law after passing the Senate yesterday in a 90-8 vote. This act provides paid leave, establishes free testing, protects public health workers, and provides important benefits to children and families.

You can access more information [here](#) via the PDF version of this document.

ICE Enforcement and Removal Operations to Focus Enforcement on Public Safety

ICE has announced that their Enforcement and Removal Operations division will scale back their enforcement operations and focus enforcement only on public safety and individuals that are subject to detention on criminal bills. They also will not carry out enforcement activities in sensitive locations such as hospitals, clinics, and other healthcare facilities.

You can access the advisory [here](#) via the PDF version of this document

Tax Payment Deadline Extended, Filing Deadline Still April 15

Individuals can defer their federal income tax payments (including any self-employment tax) for the 2019 tax year from the normal April 15 deadline until July 15.

The IRS has not yet announced that the April 15 deadline for filing your 2019 Form 1040 will be automatically extended without you having to take any action. If you have not already filed your 2019 return, you can get an automatic filing deadline extension, to October 15, by filing IRS Form 4868. Your extension request will be automatically approved, but only if you file Form 4868 on or before April 15.

You can access the IRS press release [here](#) via the PDF version of this document

State News

Centralized COVID-19 Business and Economic Development Website

The Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development has compiled helpful information for employers, employees and all Californians as it relates to the COVID-19 outbreak.

<https://business.ca.gov/coronavirus-2019/>

State Proposes Extended Tax Filing Deadline of July 15

The State has postponed tax deadlines until July 15. The Franchise Tax Board announced the special tax relief for all California taxpayers due to the coronavirus pandemic. According to the board, they are postponing the filing and payment deadlines until July for all individuals and business entities for:

- 2019 tax returns
- 2019 tax return payments
- 2020 1st and 2nd quarter estimate payments 2
- 020 LLC taxes and fees
- 2020 Non-wage withholding payments

More information be found [here](#) via the PDF version of this document.

Social Security Offices

Social security offices are closed to the public; however, services are still available at www.socialsecurity.gov and local offices will also continue to provide critical services over the phone

3/19 DMV Update

The California Department of Motor Vehicles announced the following actions it is taking to protect the health and safety of our customers and employees during the Coronavirus pandemic:

- Beginning immediately, behind-the-wheel drive tests have been cancelled for the next 30 days.
- Immediately suspending extended office hours and Saturday field office service.
- Appointment-only service for transactions that **require** an in-office visit.

- Requesting California law enforcement to exercise discretion in the enforcement of Driver Licenses and Vehicle Registrations expiring in the next 60 day.

Governor Newsom Requests Federal Assistance to Support CA Efforts to Prepare for COVID-19 Surge

Governor Gavin Newsom sent a letter today to Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, Senate Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer, Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi and House Republican Leader Kevin McCarthy requesting additional federal assistance to supplement California's efforts to prepare for a COVID-19 surge.

A copy of the letter can be found [here](#) via the PDF version of this document.

County News

Gatherings of 10 or More are Banned as of 12 a.m. March 19

In addition to previous orders made on March 16, the County now prohibits all public or private gatherings of **10 or more people** and all non-essential gatherings of any size are strongly discouraged.

More information can be found [here](#) via the PDF version of this document.

Current Cases in San Diego County

Total Cases in San Diego County: 80

18 - 64 years old: 63 cases

65+: 17 cases

Hospitalized Cases: 11

City News

Economic Relief Package for San Diego Businesses Affected by COVID-19

On March 18, the City unveiled an economic relief package of approximately 4-million-dollars that reduces fees, provides certainty and offers support to local employers affected by the global pandemic known as COVID-19.

The new programs include:

- Creation of the San Diego Small Business Relief Fund
- Tax Certificate Deferral Program
- Commercial Utility Deferral
- Extension of All Business Permits

You can access the press release [here](#) via the PDF version of this document.

Local Resources

San Diego Regional EDC COVID-19 Website

The San Diego Regional EDC works directly with companies free-of-charge that are looking to expand, stay, or locate in the San Diego region.

The San Diego EDC COVID-19 website is: <https://www.sandiegobusiness.org/coronavirus/>

Serving Seniors Focused on Meal Delivery

The Aging and Independence Services Department of the County Health and Human Services Agency will be delivering meals to all seniors at home age 60 and above. **To sign up for this service call or email at 619-236-6572 or meals@servingseiors.org**

Delivery will adhere to the following guidelines

- All drivers and food delivery staff will be wearing masks and gloves and following recommendations by the CDC
- Food delivery staff cannot enter client homes
- Food delivery staff will knock or ring doorbells and wait for clients to answer the door
- Food cannot be left on a doorstep unattended. If no one answers, a notice will be left that a meal delivery was attempted

Seniors without access to a deliverable address are able to go pick-up “to-go” meals at the Gary and Mary West Senior Wellness Center at 1525 4th Ave. 92101. Breakfast pick-up will be Mon-Fri, 7-8 am. Lunch pick-up Mon-Fri, 11-1 pm.

Stimulus 2020: Privately-Funded Stimulus Program

Stimulus 2020 is a privately-funded stimulus program intended to support America’s local businesses. They are curating stimulus packages and offers designed to help American businesses affected by COVID-19.

This program provides \$1,000 in interest-free capital and free access to financial benchmarking software to any local business in America. There are no fees, no interest, no credit check, and funds are made available to businesses in about 24 hours.

A link to this program can be found [here](#) via the PDF version of this document.

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.

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)

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.