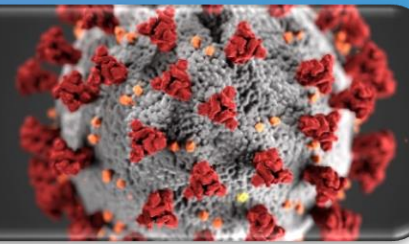




The People's Councilmember
Monica Montgomery
Council District 4

COVID-19 UPDATE 4
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Dear Community,

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to rapidly evolve, my office is working diligently to ensure that our residents have accurate information on [resources](#) for [small businesses](#), [non-profit relief](#), [San Diego Workforce Partnership efforts](#), food security for our seasoned residents, the [county's new text message alert system](#) and more. This is our fourth update. Find all our other updates on the [Council District Four news page](#). Here's what you need to know in this update.

Small Business and Non-Profit Relief

The **Small Business Administration** is offering economic relief for our small business community. In California, small businesses are eligible for disaster loans. Growing up with entrepreneurial parents, I know firsthand that small business is the backbone of our local economy. For more information, please visit: <https://www.sba.gov/page/coronavirus-covid-19-small-business-guidance-loan-resources>
In Spanish: <https://www.sba.gov/espanol>

The **Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz)** is offering no cost consultation to assist small business owners with navigating the maze of forms and applications for state programs and incentives. There are specialists available to walk you through the maze. Please call 1-877-345-4633 or visit: <https://business.ca.gov/>.

The **San Diego COVID-19 Community Resource Fund (nonprofit relief)** is offering emergency grants to nonprofit organizations that *"have deep roots and strong experience supporting impacted communities, particularly those that are disproportionately affected by this global pandemic and its economic consequences."* Grant funding will focus on three critical areas: **food security, rental and utility assistance, and income replacement or gap funding**. For more information, please visit: <https://www.sdfoundation.org/programs/programs-and-funds/san-diego-covid-19-community-response-fund/>

San Diego Workforce Partnership

San Diego Workforce Partnership is offering FREE consultations on services that may assist impacted employees, including Unemployment Insurance information, tax assistance, Work Sharing program to avoid layoffs, financial planning, remote career services and more. For more information, please visit: <https://workforce.org/covid-19-bus/>

Food Security for Seniors

My office wants to ensure that there is food security for our seniors. If you are 65+ and have chosen to self-isolate, please email us at cd4news@sandiego.gov so that we may track your needs. We are exploring the option of having a food service available for this vulnerable population.

County's New Text Message Alert System

County residents can now receive information about the novel coronavirus via text thanks to the County COVID-19 public information text message alert system. The system allows County health officials to send real-time information about COVID-19 in the region. To sign up to receive the messages, **text COSD COVID19 to 468-311**.

Close to Home

I want to share that COVID-19 has hit very close to home and impacted my family personally. My elderly cousin, who resided in San Jose, passed away as a result of COVID-19. For now, I have been self-isolating because of my underlying health issue. I'm doing well and working tirelessly to ensure we have what we need. When I speak of my community, I always speak of the heart that we have and our willingness to help one another. I know that we will get through this together. We are still carrying the voice of the community with us. Please do not hesitate to contact us (619)236-6644, cd4news@sandiego.gov. We want to hear from you.

Sincerely,

Monica Montgomery, Councilmember
Fourth Council District