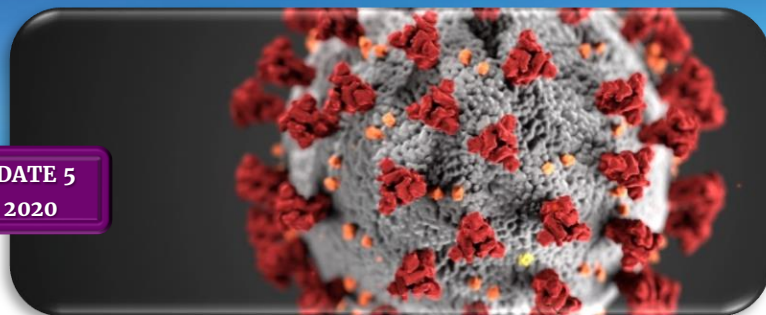




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Monica Montgomery
 Council District 4

COVID-19 UPDATE 5
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Dear Community,

Thank you for your outpouring of condolences and well wishes on social media and all of your emails. We sincerely thank you for sharing our updates and emailing your questions. Please continue to ask us. If you have concerns or need answers, please email cd4news@sandiego.gov, and we will work to get answers for you. We are closely monitoring the rapidly evolving dynamics around the COVID-19 pandemic, and working diligently to disseminate accurate information. We have also translated all prior updates into [Spanish](#). Here's what you need to know for our fifth update.

FOOD SECURITY FOR OUR SENIORS

Thank you to our community partners at [Serving Seniors](#). All residents 60+ can now sign-up to receive meals delivered directly to their doors. Call: (619) 235-6572 and select option 1 or email: meals@servingseiors.org. Meal pick-ups for unsheltered seniors are available at Gary and Mary West Senior Wellness Center, 1525 4th Ave., Ste. 200, San Diego, CA 92101. Breakfast pick-up: Mon – Fri, 7 – 8 a.m. Lunch pick-up: Mon-Fri, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

COVID-19 and the 2020 CENSUS

There are a lot of questions about how the 2020 Census might be impacted by COVID-19. While we are continually monitoring the situation, **it is important that we complete our forms**. There are easy ways to complete the Census at home: [online \(https://my2020census.gov/\)](https://my2020census.gov/), **making a phone call 844-330-2020 (phone numbers provided for assistance in over fifteen (15) languages)**, or mailing in a completed form. **Don't delay, please be counted today!**

SERVICES FOR THE MOST VULNERABLE POPULATION

Many of you have expressed concerns about the unsheltered population's access to restrooms with libraries and recreation centers closing. At City Hall and in collaboration with the County of San Diego, we are working through various contingency plans to meet the needs of this at-risk population.

- **283 handwashing locations requested with 187 fulfilled, remaining 96 in process**
- More nurses and screenings are available at the bridge shelters
- All public restrooms in our parks remain open with additional cleaning staff assigned
- **The County has acquired over 1,400 available motel rooms.** The unsheltered population's access to these rooms will happen via referrals from hospitals, clinics, and other healthcare facilities or from public health nurses that are in the homeless facilities or Homeless Outreach Teams
- **Dreams for Change:** The Safe Parking Lot Program is at capacity on Imperial Avenue. However, Dreams' Cuisine food truck program will be at the Imperial site location Monday – Friday for lunch service. In addition, efforts are being made to locate **a shower trailer for the Imperial site for participants to use.**
- For additional information on plans for homeless service providers, please visit the County's resource [link](#).

SCHOLARSHIP

Parents, are you looking for ways to engage your high school senior? Here is a great opportunity to apply for one of the Conservation Scholarships offered by the Resource Conservation District of Greater San Diego County! These seven \$1,000 scholarships are for graduating seniors pursuing further education in the fields of resource conservation, agriculture, environmental sciences, or biology. **For more info:** <http://rcdsandiego.org/education/scholarships>. The deadline to apply is Monday, April 6th.

SOCIAL DISTANCING

We are experiencing unprecedented times. We must think and behave differently. A new normal. In our grocery stores, standing in line to pay for our gas, and even going to get take-out, **please remember to practice social distancing by keeping six (6) feet between you and all other people**, at all times.

ECONOMIC RELIEF PACKAGE

The City unveiled a \$4 Million economic relief package that reduces fees and offers support to local employers affected by COVID-19. The new package includes:

- **Tax Certificate Deferral Program:** Ensures business owners are not penalized for late renewal submissions for up to 120 days and a one-year forgiveness period for Business Tax Certificate penalties and surcharges when reestablishing delinquent accounts.
- **Commercial Utility Deferral:** Immediately helps business owners by suspending water billing fees, removing penalties for late payments, and ensuring there are no commercial account shut-offs.
- **Extension of All Business Permits:** The proposed extension will last for 180 days and can be extended. This change will allow the businesses to remain open longer, and the City will be working with customers on a case-by-case basis.

Finally, please stay safe and do not hesitate to contact us with your concerns (619) 236-6644 or cd4news@sandiego.gov. **We are here to serve our residents.**

Sincerely,

Monica Montgomery, Councilmember
 Fourth Council District