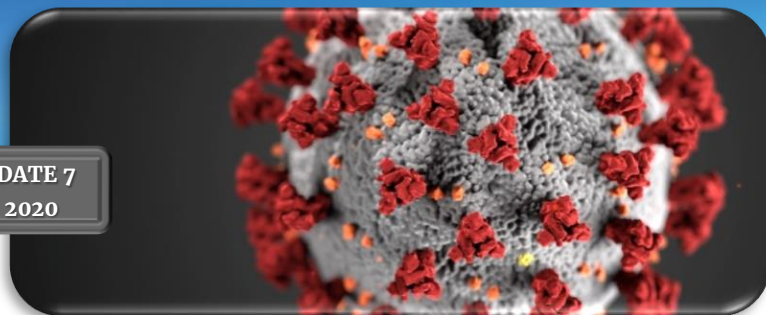




The People's Councilmember
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COVID-19 UPDATE 7
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Dear Community,

This update will provide information on rent and utility payment assistance, filing a wage claim, new unsheltered ecosystem, beach and park gatherings, and additional information to address the community's concerns. Please email your questions and concerns to cd4news@sandiego.gov. We are responding and connecting residents with resources.

Rent and Utility Payment Assistance

If you have experienced wage or job loss, United Way is in position to provide economic resources to assist you and your family. As part of the **San Diego Community Resource Fund**, United Way has started the [San Diego Worker Assistance Initiative](#).

For more information, please visit: <https://uwsd.org/covid19/>.

To apply for this assistance in English: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WAIappenglish>

To apply for this assistance in Spanish: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WAIappspanish>

How to File a Claim for Wage Theft, Unemployment Insurance, Workers' Compensation and more

It may be confusing to understand what resources are available to workers. [The Labor & Workforce Development Agency](#) created a [chart](#) clarifying the criteria and how to file a claim for [disability insurance](#), [paid family leave](#), [unemployment insurance](#), [wage theft](#) and [workers' compensation](#).

For more information on filing a claim, please visit: <https://www.labor.ca.gov/coronavirus2019/#chart>

Update on Unsheltered Services

- Golden Hall has been repurposed with an **additional 240 beds** to help implement social distancing protocols.
- The **San Diego Convention Center will provide beds and wrap-around services to scale** for the unsheltered including: a place to charge phones, showers, bathrooms and more.
- The County has secured **1,954 hotel and motel rooms for the unsheltered individuals** that have a positive test or are under investigation. Two hundred (200) of those rooms have been allocated to the Regional Task Force on Homelessness.
- **Public Health Nurses have been deployed to nine (9) shelters and to citywide Homeless Outreach Teams.**
- Screenings are being done at the bridge shelters.
- **Foot teams are making daily contact with the unsheltered population** in our city, educating and assessing needs.
- **490 Hygiene Kits have been supplied** to the unsheltered.
- 500 more kits are set to be deployed.
- 1,000 kits will be assembled in coming days.
- For more information on resources for our unsheltered population, please call 2-1-1- or visit: <https://211sandiego.org/>

Beaches, Parks & Trails are Closed

Public health and safety are top priorities for all of us. As an elected official, I am calling for the community's cooperation. We don't want to focus on enforcement. We must all follow the 'stay at home' order unless we're taking care of essential needs. **Beach and park gatherings of any size are prohibited. City-owned parks, beaches and trails are closed.** Far too many people were ignoring the social distancing rules. When you are attending to essential needs, please **practicing social distance by keeping six (6) feet away from other people.** We will get through this together.

Child Care is an Essential Service

Consistent with the Governor's order, **child care is an essential need** during this global pandemic. Essential services that continue operating, such as grocery stores, gas stations, banks and hospitals, employ parents who need child care in order to work. Many **child care providers will remain open** throughout San Diego County to provide the care necessary to enable essential services during this crisis, and beyond. **Parents performing essential services who need child care should call the YMCA resource and referral service at 1-800-481-2151.** The resource line will work with parents to find available care that allows them to continue to work as they support our community during this crisis.

Philanthropy California

Philanthropy California is an alliance of Northern and Southern California and San Diego Grantmakers. Philanthropy California's disaster resilience team is coordinating with state agencies and partners to respond to the threat and potential impacts of COVID-19/Coronavirus. The Philanthropy California team vetted the list of response funds to help direct resources to the most vulnerable communities. **For more information on these resource funds, please visit:** <https://www.philanthropyca.org/covid-19-response>.

It cannot be emphasized enough, please do not hesitate to email us at cd4news@sandiego.gov with your concerns. We have activated our **Emergency Communications Protocols** for the district. We will respond to your inquiries seven (7) days a week. We will get through this together.

Sincerely,

Monica Montgomery, Councilmember
Fourth Council District