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## **Statement from Councilmember Monica Montgomery on COVID-19 Response Plan**

As Chair of the Committee on Public Safety & Livable Neighborhoods, I join with city, county and health officials in asking the public's help and cooperation with slowing down the rate of infection and the rate of spread for COVID-19. Since the county public health officials verified that we have community spread, it is important that we remain diligent.

**Here's what is important to know:**

- **The World Health Organization (WHO) has declared COVID-19 a global pandemic**
- **Governor Newsome issued an Executive Order announcing mass gatherings should be postponed or cancelled statewide**
- **County of San Diego issued a Public Health Order that bans mass gatherings of 250 or more throughout the county (effective midnight tonight through end of March); for gatherings under 250, please use social distancing which means six (6) feet between individuals**
- **Mayor Faulconer declared a State of Emergency for the city of San Diego**
- **There are five new COVID-19 cases**
- **California waived the one week waiting period for those unemployed or disabled as a result of COVID-19**
- **All public health advisories remain in effect (wash hands; do not touch eyes, nose or mouth; sanitize; stay home if feeling ill, etc.)**
- **San Diegans over 65 or those with underlying chronic illnesses are urged to cancel all non-essential travel and activities, prioritize staying in the comfort of their homes, avoid large crowds where they can be put at further risk**
- **Ninety (90) hotel rooms have been secured to help our most vulnerable population (the unsheltered) to assist with being quarantined**

I want to reassure the public and provide straight-forward information. Remember, we are all in this together.

For more information, please see the [County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency COVID-19 Response Plan](#) (<https://bit.ly/39SKPBG>).

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