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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2020-12
BY THE MAYOR

On January 31, 2020, United States Health and Human Services Secretary Alex M. Azar II declared a public health emergency for the United States to aid the nation’s healthcare community in responding to SARS-CoV-2, also known as COVID-19.

On February 19, 2020, the County of San Diego Board of Supervisors ratified the Declaration of Local Health Emergency.


On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared COVID-19 a pandemic, which at the time claimed 118,000 cases of COVID-19 in over 110 countries.

On March 12, 2020, the San Diego County Public Health Officer issued orders directing the public to take certain actions to protect public health from COVID-19. The Public Health Order was amended several times and is in effect until further notice. The current public health order mandates the use of face coverings, prohibits gatherings with members of other households, and orders all persons to remain in their homes or in their place of residence except for certain exceptions such as traveling to or from an essential business or participating in a permitted individual or family outdoor activity.

On March 12, 2020, the City of San Diego (City), acting through the Mayor, issued a proclamation of local emergency in preparation and response to the spread of the COVID-19 virus in our community, which the City Council ratified on March 17, 2020 by Resolution No. R-312895. The City Council has extended the local emergency, with the most recent action to extend it, on December 9, 2020, by Resolution R-313389.

On March 13, 2020, President Donald Trump issued a Proclamation on Declaring a National Emergency Concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Outbreak.

On March 19, 2020, in Executive Order N-33-20, Governor Gavin Newsom issued a Stay Home Order that directed all California residents to stay home or at their place of residence except as needed to facilitate authorized activities or to maintain the continuity of operations of the federal critical infrastructure sectors. The order is in place until further notice.

On June 18, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom issued guidance that mandated the use of face coverings for people in California when they are indoors or in other areas where physical distancing is not possible.

On July 6, 2020, San Diego County was placed on the State’s County Monitoring List.
On July 13, 2020, the State of California ordered the closure of indoor activities for the following industries and activities within counties on the County Monitoring List, which includes San Diego County: restaurants, bars, movie theaters, family entertainment centers, zoos, museums, cardrooms, fitness centers, places of worship, indoor protests, offices for non-essential sectors, personal care services, hair salons, barbershops, and indoor malls.

On August 28, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom announced the “Blueprint for a Safer Economy,” which permits the gradual reopening of certain businesses and activities.

On November 16, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom updated existing guidance for the use of face coverings, requiring Californians to use face coverings at all times when outside the home, with limited exceptions.

On November 21, 2020, the State Public Health Officer issued a Limited Stay at Home Order that directs residents in counties in the Widespread (Purple) tier, which includes San Diego County, to stop non-essential activities between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m.

On December 3, 2020, the State of California announced a Regional Stay Home Order that would be triggered for three weeks if a region’s Intensive Care Unit (ICU) capacity drops below the threshold of 15 percent in a given region. San Diego County was assigned into the Southern California region with 11 other counties.

On December 5, 2020, the Southern California region’s ICU capacity dropped below the threshold to 13.1 percent, triggering a three-week Regional Stay at Home order for the San Diego County. The ICU capacity is currently at 0 percent. All gatherings with members of other households are prohibited in San Diego County.

On December 21, 2020, the State Public Health Officer issued a Supplemental Order that directs counties under the Regional Stay Home Order, which includes San Diego County, to stop non-essential retail activities between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m.

On December 29, 2020, Health and Human Services Agency Secretary Dr. Mark Ghaly announced that the Southern California’s Regional Stay Home Order, which includes San Diego County, will remain in effect until further notice due to a surge in COVID-19 hospitalization and a lack of ICU capacity.

On December 29, 2020, San Diego County reported 150,064 positive cases and 1,435 deaths due to COVID-19.
The COVID-19 pandemic continues to negatively impact the San Diego region and spread of the virus. I ask my fellow San Diegans to assist us in slowing the spread of the virus by complying with the provisions listed in the State's various Orders as well as the County's Public Health Order. This includes directives to stay at home as much as possible, wear face coverings at all times when not at home, refrain from gathering with individuals from other households, and cease non-essential retail between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m.

Also, all San Diegans are strongly urged to follow guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), which recommends wearing a face mask that covers your nose and mouth, staying at least six feet away from non-household members in both indoor and outdoor spaces, washing your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds, and using hand sanitizer with at least 60 percent alcohol to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

With the continued proliferation of COVID-19 in the City of San Diego, and the limited capacity in our healthcare system, I am taking action to slow the spread of COVID-19 in our city.

By virtue of authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of San Diego pursuant to the provisions of the City Charter, San Diego Municipal Code section 51.0105, and California Government Code section 8634 to promulgate, issue, and enforce rules, regulations, and orders, I hereby declare the following orders to be necessary for the protection of life and property and I hereby order, effective at 11:59 p.m. tonight until further notice that:

1. All City residents must comply with all current public health orders issued by the Governor of California and the California Public Health Officer, including the Regional Stay Home Order, and by the San Diego County Public Health Officer. In addition, all City residents must comply with all actions and orders issued by City officers. Failure to comply with any of the provisions of these orders constitutes an imminent threat and menace to public health, and is a public nuisance and imperils the lives or property of inhabitants of the City. Any violation of the orders may be punished in accordance with San Diego Municipal Code section 51.0108 and other applicable law.

2. The City of San Diego will limit parking enforcement and issuance of citations to holiday or Sunday enforcement regulations, including no longer enforcing parking meters, yellow commercial zones, short-term green zones and 1- to 2-hour time parking zones. Red, white, blue, and other all-time enforcement areas will continue to be enforced to maintain public safety.
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3. All of the requirements contained in the City’s Executive Order No. 2020-1, dated March 16, 2020, except those superseded here or by order of the Governor or Public Health Officer, remain in effect.

4. All of the requirements contained in the City’s Executive Order No. 2020-2, dated March 30, 2020, except those superseded here or by order of the Governor or Public Health Officer, remain in effect.

5. All of the requirements contained in the City’s Executive Order No. 2020-3, dated April 30, 2020, except those superseded here or by order of the Governor or Public Health Officer, remain in effect.

6. All of the requirements contained in the City’s Executive Order No. 2020-4, dated May 21, 2020, except those superseded here or by order of the Governor or Public Health Officer, remain in effect.

7. All of the requirements contained in the City’s Executive Order No. 2020-5, dated May 29, 2020, except those superseded here or by order of the Governor or Public Health Officer, remain in effect.

8. All of the requirements contained in the City’s Executive Order No. 2020-6, dated June 5, 2020, except those superseded here or by order of the Governor or the Public Health Officer, remain in effect.

9. All of the requirements contained in the City’s Executive Order No. 2020-7, dated June 30, 2020, except those superseded here or by order of the Governor or the Public Health Officer, remain in effect.

10. All of the requirements contained in the City’s Executive Order No. 2020-8, dated July 7, 2020, except those superseded here or by order of the Governor or the Public Health Officer, remain in effect.

11. All of the requirements contained in the City’s Executive Order No. 2020-9, dated July 20, 2020, except those superseded here or by order of the Governor or the Public Health Officer, remain in effect.

12. All of the added provisions contained in the City’s Executive Order No. 2020-10, dated August 18, 2020, except those superseded here or by order of the Governor or the Public Health Officer, remain in effect, and the provisions extending the time for payment of park permit fees are extended through January 31, 2021, or until the City
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Council acts upon an emergency ordinance to waive the referenced fees, which shall be presented for the City Council’s consideration at the earliest practicable time.

13. All of the requirements contained in the City’s Executive Order No. 2020–11, dated October 22, 2020, except those superseded here or by order of the Governor or the Public Health Officer, remain in effect.

Any violation of the above prohibitions may be referred for prosecution to the fullest extent of the law.

Dated: December 30, 2020

Mayor Todd Gloria