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Pacifica Community Members,

We are six months into this struggle with Coronavirus. It has been, and continues to be, a serious challenge with very real health, economic, educational, and social consequences. However, there are very real actions each of us can take to help our community get through this and hopefully prevent elongating our recovery. Please take a minute to read these updates and share with your family, friends, and neighbors. We need to take care of one another and work together to **#SlowTheSpread of COVID-19**. If you or someone you know is financially struggling, please consider contacting and utilizing the many services the [Pacifica Resource Center](#) can provide.

Recently San Mateo County was added to the State's "Watchlist," which triggered additional business activity restrictions. All major populous counties plus other counties in the state are on this list, as COVID-19 continues to dangerously persist. While San Mateo County is doing better than many populous areas, we are nonetheless subject to these more restrictive state health regulations for now. However, the City has taken actions to provide creative ways for businesses to be able to conduct activities safely outdoors, and businesses continue to be creative while protecting employee and customer health. Here are a few updates:

- On June 5, 2020, the City Manager issued an [Outdoor Commercial Activities Emergency Order](#), ratified by the City Council on June 8, 2020, to permit outdoor dining and other outdoor business activities, such as hair salons and more. More information is available at the [City's Outdoor Activities Program webpage](#).
- Most recently, on August 11, the City Manager revised this order to allow low volume non-amplified acoustic performances, entertainment and cultural activities related to businesses. [See the amended order here](#).
- On August 10, the City Council extended the Commercial Tenant Eviction Moratorium through the end of September. [More information is available here](#).

Under these flexible temporary permitting conditions, dozens of restaurants and other businesses have been able to continue operations outdoors and sustain themselves through this difficult time. From taking care of your personal grooming outdoors, to grabbing a bite to eat outdoors, to catching an outdoor theatrical reading, there are options for regaining a sense of normalcy – just make sure to follow the **3 Ws** - **W**ear a mask, **W**ash your hands, **W**atch your distance. Check out this [short video](#) created by the City to promote these important practices, as well as San Mateo County's video [Our Comeback Depends on All of Us](#).

Regarding masks and other health orders, last week the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors adopted an urgency ordinance allowing penalties for those who refuse to wear face coverings in compliance with health orders. This applies in Pacifica as well. While the City will continue its educational approach to the

importance of following health orders, individuals and businesses who flagrantly violate health orders could face immediate penalties. See this Police Department [press release](#) regarding the penalties.

As schools starts up again in a distance-learning format for the time being, I'd like to give a big shout out to our teachers, school staff and administrators, and childcare providers for the new and creative methods they are implementing to engage children and students in this ever-changing and unpredictable environment. The Pacifica Community is doing a great job; together (in spirit) we will get through this trying time. We are ***#PacificaStrong***.

If you haven't yet, sign up for the City's e-newsletter "Connect with Pacifica" to receive weekly updates here: [www.cityofpacifica.org/government/city\\_manager/cwp/default.asp](http://www.cityofpacifica.org/government/city_manager/cwp/default.asp), and sign up for San Mateo County Alert system here: [hsd.smcsheriff.com/smcalert](http://hsd.smcsheriff.com/smcalert). Also consider printing this letter to distribute to neighbors whom you think may not be on-line very often.

Sincerely,



Deirdre Martin  
Mayor