CITY MANAGER UPDATE

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THE LATEST NEWS IN GARDENA

The City of Gardena continues to follow LA County’s Roadmap to Recovery. Please see Page 6 or visit the Business Resource Portal.

If you haven’t already, please take a moment to complete our community survey. Your feedback will provide us with the necessary information to support our community and properly address your concerns. The survey will remain open until Friday, August 7, 2020: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FMY7PY8

As always, please continue practicing the protective actions to slow the spread of COVID-19 in our community. Thank you all for your sacrifices and compliance during this time.

For the most up to date information, tune in to Spectrum Channel 3 or Channel 22 or visit our website: www.cityofgardena.org/coronavirus-covid-19/. You may also contact the Emergency Operations Center at (310) 217-9583 or EOC@cityofgardena.org.

Sincerely,

Clint Osorio
City Manager
GENERAL PUBLIC

All LA County Residents that are interested in being tested should first contact their Primary Care Provider or health plan about how to access testing. Testing is currently prioritized for residents with symptoms, such as fever, cough, shortness of breath, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell, congestion or running nose, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea. Testing priority is also given to people working or living in places such as skilled nursing facilities, group homes, and residential care facilities, persons experiencing homelessness, and people who were in close contact with someone with COVID-19.

FRONT LINE WORKERS

FREE testing is also available for any workers in the following categories, with or without symptoms of COVID-19:

- Healthcare
- Emergency Services
- Food and grocery
- Retail or manufacturing
- Public transportation
- Education

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Immigration status, insurance status, age, and underlying health issues do not affect eligibility for a COVID-19 test.

TESTING IS AVAILABLE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY.

To confirm eligibility and search testing appointment locations and availability, visit https://covid19.lacounty.gov/testing/ or https://la.fulgentgenetics.com/appointment/screen/landing.

You may also call (213) 473-3231 or 2-1-1 to ask any additional questions

If you are experiencing severe symptoms such as severe shortness of breath, contact your physician. If it is an emergency, dial 911.

PHARMACEUTICAL DELIVERIES

To extend a helping hand, the following local pharmacies are offering delivery services for residents. Please be advised that each pharmacy may have additional requirements and you should call them for any additional questions.

PHARMACY | PHONE
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CVS - (Western Ave. & Redondo Beach Blvd.) | (310) 538-3131
Meiji Pharmacy - (1630 W Redondo Beach Blvd. Ste 14) | (310) 538-2885
Rite Aid - (Redondo Beach Blvd. & Budlong Ave.) | (310) 323-4768
Walgreens - (Normandie Ave. & Redondo Beach Blvd.) | (310) 353-5726
HOMELESS SHELTER REFERRALS

The City of Los Angeles opened thousands of emergency shelter beds to help get the homeless Angelenos indoors more quickly. As of March 31, there are 13 emergency shelters at recreation centers across the City. In addition, many winter shelter programs will remain open until September 30, 2020. You can visit www.lahsa.org or call the Winter Shelter Hotline at 1 (800) 548-6047 (available 24-hours, 7 days a week).

If you, or someone you know, are in need of outreach services, please visit https://www.lahsa.org/portal/apps/la-hop/ or call 211. LA-HOP is designed to assist people experiencing homelessness in Los Angeles County with outreach services.

FACIAL COVERING REQUIRED

As of April 11, 2020, Gardena residents and visitors are required to wear face coverings that cover the nose and mouth while in public. Face coverings can be non-medical grade cloth coverings, including scarves and bandanas.

The original Emergency Order was amended during the City Council Meeting on April 28, 2020, allowing individuals that are driving or riding in a vehicle alone or with other members of their household to do so without face coverings. The revised Order is available on our website: https://www.cityofgardena.org/covid-042920-afco

Individuals are required to wear face coverings while at any essential business, traveling to and from essential businesses or services and while out in public. Please be advised that face coverings are to be used in addition to physical distancing and frequent handwashing.

Refer to LA County’s Guidance for information on how to safely use and care for cloth face coverings. Check your local retailers and pharmacies to purchase cloth face coverings. CDC has also provided instructions on how to make your own cloth face covering at home on their website.

The City of Gardena is with you. We are better together!

-Mayor Tasha Cerda
On March 26, 2020, the City Council adopted Urgency Ordinance No. 1819, establishing a temporary moratorium on the eviction of residential and commercial tenants who are unable to pay rent due to the impacts of COVID-19.

To take advantage of the protections provided in Urgency Ordinance No. 1819, residential and commercial tenants are required to do the following within 30 days after the rent is due:

- Notify the landlord in writing of the substantial COVID-19 related financial impacts
- Provide documentation in writing establishing substantial COVID-19 related financial impacts
- Pay the portion of rent that the tenant is able to pay

Please keep in mind that a landlord may not evict a tenant if the tenant has done any of the following:

- Rent is overdue for a period of 30 days or less and the tenant notified the landlord as required by this ordinance
- Rent is overdue for a period of 31 days or more and the tenant complies with both requirements of this ordinance

If the tenant fails to provide the information in writing within the 30-day period, the landlord has the right to proceed with the eviction process. Please be advised that this ordinance does not intend to waive a tenant’s obligation to pay back rent owed once this ordinance is no longer effective. If a tenant still has the means to pay rent, then they are expected to do so. A tenant will have up to 120 days after the expiration of this ordinance to pay the unpaid rent that is due. If you have any questions regarding Urgency Ordinance No. 1819, please call (310) 217-9503.

**FOOD ASSISTANCE RESOURCES**

**LA COUNTY FOOD RESOURCES: COVID-19 RESPONSE**

LA County has created a webpage that will allow you to locate food resources near you, please visit [https://food-resources-lacounty.hub.arcgis.com/](https://food-resources-lacounty.hub.arcgis.com/).

**LOCAL FOOD ASSISTANCE LOCATIONS**

The City of Gardena has also created a list of local organizations that are assisting the community with food donations. Please call (310) 217-9574 or visit [https://www.cityofgardena.org/available-resources/](https://www.cityofgardena.org/available-resources/).
RECREATION HIGHLIGHTS

Food Giveaway

On Wednesday, July 22, 2020, the Recreation and Human Services Department hosted a food giveaway event at City Hall and served 150 families. Food boxes were supplied by the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank and Charitable Funds Benefiting Gardena.

For more information about the Charitable Funds Benefiting Gardena, please visit their website at www.givegardena.org/.

Residential Curb Painting

In July 2020, the City of Gardena partnered with Care for the Children, a nonprofit organization that provides food to home bound senior citizens, to paint address numbers on all residential curbs. Their work is almost done!

Care for the Children is accepting voluntary donations from residents after their work is completed. Cash, Venmo, PayPal and Check will be accepted and payable to Care for the Children.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Victoria Villa at (310) 217-9592.
STATE INDUSTRY GUIDANCE FOR OUTDOOR SERVICES

On Monday July 20, 2020, California Department of Public Health released COVID-19 Industry Guidance for hair salons, barbershops, and personal care establishments providing services outdoors.

Prior to conducting business outside, all hair salons, barbershops, and personal care establishments must review and implement the requirements provided by the State. Please be advised that all chemical and shampooing hair services, electrolysis, tattooing, and piercing services are not permitted in an outdoor setting.

The City does not require any additional action to conduct outdoor services on private property, provided that hair salons, barbershops, and personal care establishments are otherwise in compliance with all physical distancing and other COVID-19 related health orders and all other City, county, state and federal laws, including the American with Disabilities Act. In addition, all tenants must seek consent from their landlord that outdoor services are acceptable in specified areas of the property.

To view the required State guidelines for outdoor services, please visit our website at www.cityofgardena.org/coronavirus-covid-19/.

TEMPORARY PRIVATE PROPERTY OUTDOOR DINING PROGRAM

In an effort to keep our local eateries open, the City of Gardena has established a Temporary Private Property Outdoor Dining Program, allowing eating establishments to facilitate outdoor dining areas on private property.

This temporary program aligns with current State and LA County Orders and requires businesses to obtain a Temporary Private Property Outdoor Dining Permit from the City. All eating establishments that are legally allowed to serve food in a sit-down format are eligible to apply. The application is available on our website.

Should you have any questions about the program, please contact the Community Development Department at (310) 217-9524 or tempdining@cityofgardena.org.
REOPENING GUIDELINES

The City will continue to follow LA County Department of Public Health’s Roadmap to Recovery. Due to the concerning level of COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations, and testing positivity rates, many businesses that were initially open have been directed to close. The following businesses must close their indoor operations:

- All restaurants, but only for indoor, in-person onsite dining
- Cardrooms, satellite wagering facilities, and racetrack onsite wagering facilities
- Indoor portions and exhibits of museums, zoos, and aquariums
- Fitness facilities
- Non-essential office-based businesses
- Places of worship
- Personal care establishments: nail salons, tanning salons, esthetician, skin care, cosmetology services, electrology, body art professionals, tattoo parlors, piercing shops, and massage therapy
- Hair salons and barbershops
- Indoor malls and shopping centers

The following businesses must remain closed at this time:

- Lounges and nightclubs
- Bars, breweries, tasting rooms, craft distilleries, and wineries that possess a valid low-risk restaurant permit issued by LA County
- Brewpubs, craft distilleries, breweries and wineries that are exempt from the definition of a food facility by California Health and Safety Code Section 113789(c)(5), and do not hold a health permit for preparing and serving food on site
- Public entertainment venues: movie theaters, live performance theaters, concert venues, theme parks and festivals
- Family entertainment centers: bowling alleys, arcades, miniature golf and batting cages
- Indoor or outdoor playgrounds for children, except those located within a school or childcare center
- Hot tubs, steam rooms and saunas not located on a residential property
- All events and gatherings unless specifically allowed by the LACDPH Health Officer Order

All businesses that are permitted to reopen must post the signage provided by the City and prepare, implement and post the required protocols from LA County Department of Public Health prior to reopening.

For more details, please contact us at (310) 217-9583 or visit the Business Resource Portal at http://www.gardenaawaits.com/covid-19-resourceguide/.

GARDENA PARKS

Gardena Parks are open during regular park hours for activities such as walking, running, and tennis only. Tennis courts are open with required adaptations on weekdays from 7:00am to 10:00am and 3:00pm to 8:00pm and weekends from 10:00am to 4:00pm.

Playgrounds, other sports courts, and skate parks remain closed at this time. All City Park visitors must wear face coverings and adhere to physical distancing protocols.
CITY OF GARDENA SERVICES

Administrative Services Department
- Administrative Services Phone and Email
  Email: Rbeeman@cityofgardena.org
  Phone: (310) 217-9516
- Business License Renewals/Utility Users
  Tax/Transit Occupancy
  Email: Rbeeman@cityofgardena.org
  Phone: (310) 217-9516
- Accounts Payable
  Email: AP@cityofgardena.org
  Phone: (310) 217-9516

Community Development Department
- CDD Main Line and Email
  Email: CommunityDevelopment@cityofgardena.org
  Phone: (310) 217-9530
- Planning & Zoning Division
  Email: CDDPlanningandZoning@cityofgardena.org
  Phone: (310) 217-9524
- Building & Safety Division
  Email: CDBuildingServices@cityofgardena.org
  Phone: (310) 217-9530
- Business Licensing Division
  Email: CDDLicensingandPermitCenter@cityofgardena.org
  Phone: (310) 217-9518
- Code Enforcement/Animal Control Division
  Email: PDCodeEnforcement@cityofgardena.org
  Phone: (310) 217-6171
- Pet Licensing/Animal Control Division
  Email: PetLicensing@cityofgardena.org
  Phone: (310) 217-9645
- Inspection Line
  Phone: (310) 217-9510

Elected and Administrative Offices
- City Council Office
  Email: CityCouncil@cityofgardena.org
  Phone: (310) 217-9507
- City Clerk’s Office
  Email: CityClerk@cityofgardena.org
  Phone: (310) 217-9565
- City Manager’s Office
  Email: CityManager@cityofgardena.org
  Phone: (310) 217-9503
- City Treasurer’s Office
  Email: CityTreasurer@cityofgardena.org
  Phone: (310) 217-9664

Economic Development Division
 Email: economicdevelopment@cityofgardena.org
 Phone: (310) 217-9533

Risk Management Division
 Email: riskmanagement@cityofgardena.org
 Phone: (310) 217-9505

Police Department
- Emergency: 911
- Non-Emergency
  Phone: (310) 323-7911
- Main Line/Records and Website
  Phone: (310) 217-9670
  Website: www.gardenapd.org
- Detective Bureau
  Phone: (310) 217-9607

Public Works Department
- Public Works Main Line
  Phone: (310) 217-9568
- Public Works Maintenance Services
  Email: pwmaintenance@cityofgardena.org
  Phone: (310) 217-9568
- Engineering General Services
  Email: pwengineering@cityofgardena.org
  Phone: (310) 217-9568
- Engineering Services Utilities/Permit
  Email: JEspinoza@cityofgardena.org or
  pwengineering@cityofgardena.org
  Phone: (310) 217-9644 or (310) 217-9568
- CDBG Home Improvement Program
  Email: KNguyen@cityofgardena.org or
  rgray@cityofgardena.org
  Phone: (310) 217-9572

Recreation and Human Services Department
- Human Services Division
  Email: humanservices@cityofgardena.org
  Phone: (310) 217-9574
- Recreation Division
  Email: recreation@cityofgardena.org
  Phone: (310) 217-9537
- Senior Bureau
  Email: seniors@cityofgardena.org
  Phone: (310) 217-9552

Transportation Department
- Transportation Main Line and Website
  Website: http://ridegtrans.com/
  Phone: (310) 965-8888

Please continue to take care of yourself and stay healthy.
-Mayor Tasha Cerda