

May 22, 2020

Dear Rancho Cordova Residents and Businesses,

I have some good news to share. Following the stay-at-home orders and practicing social distancing has made a measurable difference in reducing the number of COVID-19 cases. As a result, Sacramento County is approved to move more broadly into Stage 2 of the Governor's Resilience Roadmap, which means re-openings for many businesses.

As I have since March, I want to update you on the new County Public Health Order and announce new services to assist you during this time.

New Public Health Order

Sacramento County's Public Health Officer issued a [new Public Health Order](#) effective today, May 22, 2020 at 11:59 AM. The new order continues to direct residents to stay at home, recommends wearing face coverings, and relaxes restrictions on businesses that are considered low risk.

The new Public Health Order continues to allow activities from previous health orders and adds these additional activities:

- Full public transportation
- Dine-in at restaurants
- Pet grooming, car washes
- Micro enterprise retail, shopping malls
- Agricultural food and beverage cultivation, process and distribution (by appointment)
- Plumbers, electricians, exterminators, arborists, landscapers, gardeners
- Small offices when telework is not possible
- Childcare, day care and family day care
- Drive-through religious services
- Outdoor museums and art galleries
- Drive-through graduation ceremonies

To mitigate a resurgence of COVID-19 cases, businesses must strictly follow [State Guidelines](#).

This new Public Health Order emphasizes that it is critical to continue to stay at home especially if you're ill, maintain social distancing of six feet or more, and wash hands or use hand sanitizer frequently. What is new is a County recommendation to wear face coverings when social distancing is not possible. Please read the health order's very [detailed explanation](#) of what a face covering is and when to use one.

New City Programs

The city has three new programs to help during this time:

- **Great Plates** is a free meal program for seniors, and the meals are delivered daily to seniors. To see if you qualify and to sign up for this service, more information is [here](#).
- The city is offering up to 1,000 **free face masks for city businesses**, depending on the number of employees and while supplies last. Contact EconDev@cityofranhocordova.org for more information.
- As restaurants re-open dine-in services, the city is offering a **free and fast temporary permit to allow restaurants to expand** safely into parking lots to create more dine-in capacity. For more information contact EconDev@cityofranhocordova.org or [access the application and information](#) on our website.

Trusted Information

The city is your trusted source for information about COVID-19/coronavirus, testing, key services, and resources. Visit CityofRanchoCordova.org/coronavirus where information is updated daily including:

- **Free grocery delivery is available to our residents.** [Rancho Delivers](#) provides free grocery delivery from Raley's Supermarkets and Safeway.
- A [directory of community services](#) was created to provide information about food pantry/school meal information and other family resources.
- **Small businesses have [access to city resources](#)**, including a loan program, free consultation services, and a toolkit, plus many more resources from the state and federal government.
- **Many businesses are [open for business](#)** during this time, including grocery stores, restaurants and other essential businesses.
- **The city created a [robust activities page](#)** for individuals and families who are looking for ways to stay at home but still have fun.
- **If you're looking for inspiration**, check out [#RanchoCordovaInspires](#) for many of the special ways our community is coming together during this crisis.

I will continue to update you as new information becomes available. In the meantime, I ask that you share this information widely with others who are not signed up for the city's newsletters and are not following us on social media.

Thank you for your efforts to keep our community healthy and safe.

Sincerely,

Cyrus Abhar
City Manager