CORONAVIRUS PUBLIC SAFETY RESPONSE

• Maintaining essential services and ensure the safety of our workforce

• Evolving plans based on various Coronavirus impact scenarios and County Shelter in Place Order restrictions

• Planning continues to support community recovery

• Tracking City’s fiscal situation in light of this extended emergency period, Council budget deliberations scheduled for later tonight and throughout May

• Later on this evening, Council will consider a business financial support proposal
SOME GOOD NEWS

• Regional Water Quality Control Plant Innovations: Testing for COVID-19 in wastewater; turning ethanol into hand sanitizers.

• Temporary Shared Streets Initiative will begin this week

• Highway 101 bike/ped underpass opened temporarily

• Testing expansion underway locally
  • Stanford Health Care
  • Recent Mayors letter to the County
SHELTER IN PLACE ORDER EXTENDED

• Timeframe of new Order: May 4-May 31

• Same focus:
  • Requires the community to stay at or close to home
  • Strongly urge community to wear face coverings in general when outside
  • Face coverings are now required when visiting an essential business.

• A few new activities allowed, subject to protocols:
  • Construction
  • Real estate transactions
  • Some outdoor businesses and activities

• Some outdoor recreational facilities reopening with strict social distancing requirements
SHELTER IN PLACE ORDER EXTENDED

• Construction to resume; inspectors available by appointment only starting May 5

• City infrastructure projects confirmed to restart this week; Cal Ave Parking Garage and US Hwy 101 Pedestrian/Bike Bridge

• Reopening some Open Space Preserves to vehicular traffic using a phased approach

• Starting May 6, reopening tennis courts, pickleball courts, basketball courts, skate park and athletic fields

• Staff in discussions with golf course operator to consider reopening with modifications

• Allows gardening and landscaping services to continue
BUSINESS SUPPORT EFFORTS

• Business roundtable meetings ongoing
  • 3 facilitated roundtable discussions
  • 2 Councilmembers representing Council
  • 54 business leaders attended
    • Shared challenges and ways adapting
    • Input will inform short- and long-term planning

Next Steps
• Follow-up participant discussion this week
• Status report for Council consideration
Slow the spread of this virus
Stay Home: this will save lives.

Stay connected: check on neighbors, volunteer

Be Kind: We are in this together

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