



## **City of Carpinteria COVID-19 Social Media Posts As of April 3, 2020**

The following are messages have been posted to the City of Carpinteria's Facebook and Nextdoor.com accounts related to COVID-19.

### **MESSAGES POSTED TO DATE:**

#### **APRIL 3**

##### **LOCAL LODGING RESTRICTED TO ESSENTIAL WORKERS**

To slow the spread of COVID-19, the City of Carpinteria is notifying owners and operators of short-term vacation rentals and hotels/motels that guest users must be limited to people permitted to travel pursuant to Governor Newsom's stay at home order. Short-term lodging must be restricted to those who are working in industries identified as essential.

#### **APRIL 2**

##### **KEEP YOUR WASTE HAULER SAFE**

In order to protect solid waste haulers, the City would like to remind residents to place items in their bins for collection. If items intended for pick-up are outside of the bin, they may not be collected. This effort will allow haulers to remain in their vehicles, thus reducing the risk of COVID-19 transmission. Thank you for helping to keep everyone safe during this challenging time.

#### **APRIL 1**

##### **COUNTY TO CONSIDER PENALTY CANCELLATION FOR LATE PROPERTY TAXES**

The Santa Barbara County Treasurer-Tax Collector (TTC) is experienced in working with the community in times of emergency and disaster. Due to the COVID-19 emergency, after April 10 the Treasurer-Tax Collector's office will consider written requests for penalty cancellations on a case-by-case basis. Property owners who can pay their property taxes by the April 10 deadline are encouraged to do so. Property taxes are a critical source of revenue that helps keep the government running and provides vital services the public relies on, including emergency response, public health, public works, and schools. The Cancellation of Penalty form will be available on the website after April 10. For updates, please visit [www.sbtaxes.org](http://www.sbtaxes.org) or call (805) 568-2920.

#### **APRIL 1**

##### **SB COUNTY ANNOUNCES DEATH OF PATIENT WITH COVID-19**

Santa Barbara County Public Health Department (PHD) is reporting that a resident has died of COVID-19. The north county resident who died was in his or her 60s and had underlying health conditions.

“We extend our deepest condolences to the loved ones of this patient,” said Santa Barbara County Health Officer Dr. Henning Ansorg. “While we have expected more cases, this death is an unfortunate milestone in our efforts to fight this disease, and one that we never wanted to see.”

“While most cases of COVID-19 exhibit mild or moderate symptoms, this tragic death underscores the urgent need for us to take extra steps to protect residents who are particularly vulnerable to developing more serious illness, including elderly persons and those with underlying health conditions.”

PHD recommends additional measures to prevent exposure among vulnerable people, including the elderly and those with underlying health conditions (such as diabetes, cancer, immunodeficiency, asthma, COPD and others). Public Health recommends that vulnerable people:

- Stay home as much as possible. Arrange for someone to deliver groceries and other items you need. Ensure you have at least a two-week supply of medication on hand.
- Wash your hands regularly, especially before eating or before touching your face.
- If you need to leave the house, minimize contact with other people and with common surfaces. Stay at least six feet away from others.
- If you develop symptoms consistent with COVID-19 such as fever, cough, shortness of breath, promptly contact your medical provider.

“If you are healthy and not at higher risk, please connect with friends and loved ones who would be considered more vulnerable, and offer support,” said Van Do-Reynoso, Public Health Director.

There are now 111 cases of COVID-19 confirmed in Santa Barbara County. Of these, 65 are recovering at home, 17 persons are recovering in a hospital, 13 of which are in an Intensive Care Unit (ICU), 23 have fully recovered, and 6 are pending an update.

Please visit Santa Barbara County’s coronavirus web page for other preparedness resources and updates at <https://publichealthsb.org/>.

#### **APRIL 1**

#### **CITY EXTENDS COVID-19 SERVICE CHANGES, DISCOURAGES OVER-USE OF OUTDOOR SPACES**

Consistent with State guidance, the City of Carpinteria has extended service changes related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Regular services are now tentatively scheduled to be restored on Monday, May 4, 2020.

Additionally, the City has decided to close the public parking lots at Viola Fields and Bailard Avenue and will be working with CUSD and State Parks to close parking lots at Carpinteria High School and Linden Field. The nearby public trails and parks will remain open for now, and the parking lot closures are intended to discourage high intensity use that challenges the social distancing mandate. Complaints have been received about crowding in outdoor public areas, and there is concern that the recent closure of beaches and trails in other Southern California municipalities, including Ventura County, may further intensify demand for Carpinteria’s open spaces.

Essential local government services will continue to be provided to the community during the extraordinary circumstances presented by the pandemic. The fluid situation has required changes to the way services are delivered, and the public's cooperation and understanding is highly appreciated. The following list identifies City services that have temporarily changed due to the pandemic:

- **Public Service Counter Operations:** The public service counter, which issues Planning Permits, Building Permits Engineering Permits and Park Rentals at City Hall, is closed until May 4 (pending additional extensions). Planning and Engineering staff can be reached via email and phone communications. Routine activities such as applying for, or issuing permits, licenses, and similar functions may be affected. To make arrangements for these services, please call (805) 684-5405.
- **Public Meetings:** Non-essential public meetings have been postponed or cancelled. The Planning Commission meeting scheduled for April 6 has been cancelled, with the next regular meeting currently scheduled for May 4. The next ARB meeting is tentatively scheduled for April 16. City Council meetings will continue to take place on the second and fourth Monday of the month. For the time being, the meetings will be physically closed to the public, but written comments may be submitted in advance or made by phone. Residents may live stream the meetings through the City website or watch the live broadcast on Government Access Television Channel 21.
- **Parks & Recreation:** City parks remain open, but play equipment and barbecue areas are closed. The Community Pool is closed. Social distancing protocols must be following in parks and on beaches and trails.
- **Building and Planning Inspections:** Building and Planning inspections will continue; however, they will be performed at the discretion of the Building Inspector/Plans Examiner and Planners consistent with social distancing protocol.
- **Code Compliance Activities:** In-person code enforcement interactions with the public will be limited as much as possible. Timed parking limits will not be enforced, except in some cases for 72-hour limits. Colored curb parking restrictions will still be enforced.
- **Payment of Permit and License Fees:** To make arrangements for payments to the City, please contact Ashley Chaparro at (805) 880-3406.

### **MARCH 31**

#### **ABOP POSTPONED**

The City of Carpinteria has decided to temporarily suspend its ABOP (Antifreeze, Batteries, Oil and Paint) disposal program out of an abundance of caution related to the spread of COVID-19. The event will not take place on its usual date, April 11, and a replacement date has not been determined. The City will inform residents when the program recommences.

### **MARCH 30**

#### **SMALL BUSINESS SUPPORT UPDATE**

The City of Carpinteria recognizes that many local businesses and their employees are struggling during the COVID-19 pandemic. In an effort to support our local businesses, the City will disseminate new and relevant information as it becomes available. Please note that these updates are not comprehensive but are intended to provide useful tools for those in need.

- Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson, Assemblymember Monique Limon, and Congressman Salud Carbajal will hold a Support for Small Businesses teleconference town hall on Wednesday, April 1 at 5:30 p.m. to learn about the financial and technical assistance available to businesses affected by COVID-19. To listen, call toll free (877) 226-8216 and use access code 36403080. To listen to the recording of a tele-conference town hall on worker protections, visit <https://sd19.senate.ca.gov/sites/sd19.senate.ca.gov/files/audio/call.mp3>
- The \$2 trillion COVID-19 Stimulus Bill approved by the federal government last week contains \$350 billion in funding to help small businesses avoid layoffs. New funding will bolster the Small Business Administration's Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program, which officials say will begin connecting small business owners to new funds as early as this Friday. US Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin announced last weekend that small businesses affected by the COVID-19 pandemic that retain their employees will be eligible to have their SBA loans forgiven by the federal government. He added that SBA loans can be secured through any FDIC bank, credit union or FinTech lender. See details at <https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/paycheck-protection-program>

### **MARCH 30**

#### **EMERGENCY FOOD DISTRIBUTION HELD WEEKLY AT CHS**

During the COVID-19 pandemic, an emergency food distribution will be held every Wednesday from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. at Carpinteria High School, 4810 Foothill Road. Carpinteria Children's Project and Carpinteria Boys & Girls Club alternate hosting responsibilities for this effort. The distributions are drive-through only. Please note that the weekly event will no longer alternate between sites, but will be held exclusively at CHS until further notice. For additional information, visit [www.carpchildren.org/covid-19](http://www.carpchildren.org/covid-19).

### **MARCH 30**

#### **OUTDOOR GATHERINGS SUSPENDED DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

The recent closure of schools, workplaces, theaters, bars and restaurants under COVID-19 orders has intensified the public's use of outdoor spaces for recreation. Unfortunately, not everyone is using Carpinteria's abundant outdoor resources responsibly. This must change, and the City is working to ensure that social distancing orders are followed in public places. These orders are in place to slow the spread of COVID-19, a virus that has overwhelmed healthcare systems in several countries and is threatening to do so in our community.

It has come to the attention of the City that some instances of pick-up sports in public parks have continued despite clear orders from the State and County to cease such gatherings. In response to complaints of pick-up games, the City and Carpinteria Unified School District have coordinated their efforts to discourage this type of impermissible gathering. Additional signage has been posted at facilities to advise the public, and City Code Enforcement and Sheriff's officers have increased their patrol of these areas.

Playgrounds and barbecue areas in City parks are closed until further notice to avoid transmission through shared surfaces. Turf areas in parks remain open, as do Franklin Trail, the Carpinteria Bluffs and local beaches. These spaces offer important opportunities for individuals and families to enjoy the mental and physical health benefits of being outdoors; however, for these areas to remain open, users must follow social distancing orders. Individuals should avoid proximity to others closer than six feet. Frisbees, balls and beach toys should not be shared. Anyone with symptoms of illness or any reason to believe they might be ill should stay at home.

The City of Carpinteria takes very seriously its responsibility to reduce the transmission of COVID-19, and is working to ensure that residents understand the role they play in this effort. The City wishes to continue to maintain public access to these important outdoor resources during this difficult time; however, to do so, we need everyone's cooperation.

Residents are encouraged to contact Code Compliance Supervisor Ron Alonzo at (805) 755-4408 or the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office at 805-683-2724 if they witness public gatherings in violation of the Governor's Orders.

### **MARCH 29**

#### **NEW CASES OF COVID-19 CONFIRMED IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY**

The Santa Barbara County Public Health Department (PHD) has confirmed four additional cases of COVID-19 today. This makes 68 total confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Santa Barbara County. Below are more details about the four cases announced March 29:

Case #65—in their 70s and resides in the South County Unincorporated Areas, which include communities of Montecito, Toro Canyon, Summerland and the City of Carpinteria

Case #66—in their 60s and resides in the North County Unincorporated Areas which include New Cuyama, Sisquoc, Casmalia, Garey, and City of Guadalupe

Case #67—in their 40s and in the North County Unincorporated Areas which include New Cuyama, Sisquoc, Casmalia, Garey, and City of Guadalupe

Case #68—in their 20s and resides in the City of Santa Maria

Although PHD has released the cities and areas where confirmed COVID-19 cases have occurred, it is critical that residents in all areas of the county stay at home and practice social distancing when performing essential tasks outside their home.

Of the 68 cases, 45 are recovering at home, eight persons are recovering in a hospital, six of which are in an Intensive Care Unit, 14 have fully recovered, and one is pending an update.

PHD is prioritizing thorough investigations for cases with exposures in healthcare and other congregate settings to identify persons who may have been exposed. Mandated social distancing measures are in place to slow the spread of the virus.

### **MARCH 28**

#### **NEW CASES OF COVID-19 CONFIRMED IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY**

The Santa Barbara County Public Health Department (PHD) has confirmed 17 additional cases of COVID-19 today. This makes 64 total confirmed cases in Santa Barbara County at this time. Below are more details about the 17 new cases:

Case #48—in their 20s and resides in the South County Unincorporated Area

Case #49—in their 50s and resides in Santa Maria

Case #50—in their 40s and resides in Santa Maria

Case #51—in their 40s and resides in Santa Maria

Case #52—in their 70s and resides in Santa Barbara

Case #53—in their 40s and resides in Santa Maria

Case #54—in their 60s and resides in Santa Maria

Case #55—in their 60s and resides in Santa Maria

Case #56—in their 20s and resides in the South County Unincorporated Area

Case #57—in their 60s and resides in Santa Maria  
Case #58—in their 50s and resides in Santa Barbara  
Case #59—in their 70s and resides in Santa Maria  
Case #60—in their 60s and resides in Santa Barbara  
Case #61—in their 40s and resides in Santa Maria  
Case #62—in their 50s and resides in Santa Barbara  
Case #63—in their 50s and resides in Santa Barbara  
Case #64—in their 20s and resides in Lompoc

Although PHD has released the cities and areas where confirmed COVID-19 cases have occurred, it is critical that residents in all areas of the county stay at home and practice social distancing when performing essential tasks outside their home.

Of the 64 cases, 47 are recovering at home, six people are recovering in a hospital, three of which is in an Intensive Care Unit, and 11 have fully recovered.

PHD is prioritizing thorough investigations for cases with exposures in healthcare and other congregate settings to identify persons who may have been exposed. Mandated social distancing measures are in place to slow the spread of the virus.

## **MARCH 27**

### **COUNTY CONFIRMS 47 COVID-19 CASES**

The newest data from the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department indicates that 47 individuals have tested positive for COVID-19 in the County. Five of the positive cases are residents of an area comprised of Montecito, Summerland, and Carpinteria. Other demographic data are available on the PHD Public Information Portal at <https://publichealthsb.org/>.

As a reminder, Governor Gavin Newsom has issued social distancing orders in an effort to slow the spread of the virus. These orders require individuals to NOT participate in the following behaviors:

- Go to work unless you provide essential services as defined by the order.
- Visit friends and family if there is no urgent need.
- Travel to or from a job outside the area, unless to perform essential services.
- Travel to or from a vacation home outside of the area.
- Visit loved ones in the hospital, nursing home, skilled nursing facility, or other residential care facility.
- Have play dates and sleep-overs.
- Go to bars and sit-down restaurants.
- Go to concerts, events, theater, cinemas.

## **MARCH 27**

### **GOVERNOR BANS EVICTIONS RELATED TO COVID-19**

Governor Gavin Newsom today issued an executive order banning the enforcement of eviction orders for renters affected by COVID-19 through May 31, 2020. The order prohibits landlords from evicting tenants for nonpayment of rent and prohibits enforcement of evictions by law enforcement or courts. It also requires tenants to declare in writing, no more than seven days after the rent comes due, that the tenant cannot pay all or part of their rent due to COVID-19.

To protect local businesses, the City of Carpinteria is currently researching possible commercial eviction limits during the pandemic. Additional information will be provided to the public as this potential action is considered.

Per Governor Newsom's order, residential tenants would be required to retain documentation but not required to submit it to the landlord in advance. And the tenant would remain obligated to repay full rent in a timely manner and could still face eviction after the enforcement moratorium is lifted. The order takes effect immediately, and provides immediate relief to tenants for whom rent is due on April 1.

A copy of the Governor's executive order can be found at <https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/3.27.20-EO-N-37-20.pdf> and the text of the order can also be found at <https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/3.27.20-EO-N-37-20-text.pdf>.

### **MARCH 25 COVID-19 CITY E-NEWSLETTER RELEASED**

During the COVID-19 pandemic, City of Carpinteria has increased the frequency of its monthly e-newsletter in an effort to keep residents informed about local impacts of the pandemic and resources available to them. Each weekly edition will contain a letter from Carpinteria Mayor Wade Nomura, as well as updates on the number of confirmed cases of the virus in SB County, California and the US. The Current is emailed directly to subscribers and linked to the City website. Read and/or subscribe at <https://bit.ly/2WK5O5Y>.

### **MARCH 24 SOCALGAS UPDATES CUSTOMERS**

The attached notification from SoCalGas informs customers of changes related to COVID-19. The company has closed branch payment offices and provides information on alternative pay methods. Additionally, service disconnections have been suspended so that no customer has their gas turned off for failure to pay a bill. See <https://www.socalgas.com/coronavirus> for details and additional updates.

### **MARCH 24 CITY COUNCIL RATIFIES LOCAL EMERGENCY**

The Carpinteria City Council held a meeting on March 23 at City Hall with social distancing measures in place to minimize the potential spread of the COVID-19 virus. One councilmember participated in the meeting by phone. The council chamber was closed to the public, though members of the public had opportunities to submit written comments or comment by phone. Highlights of the meeting are listed below, and video footage can be viewed at <https://bit.ly/2UhmED>.

- With one councilmember recused for a potential conflict of interest, the council voted 4-0 to ratify Carpinteria-Summerland Fire Protection District's Ordinance to adopt the 2019 California Fire Code with amendments.
- The Council voted unanimously to ratify the Proclamation of Local Emergency by the Director of Emergency Services for the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic. This designation will help the City receive federal and state assistance in its response to the pandemic and recovery from its impact. City Manager Dave Durlinger and the City's legal counsel Mack Carlson delivered a comprehensive update on local response to the pandemic. The update can be viewed at <https://bit.ly/2WD6bz3>.

- The Council unanimously approved the Street Selection List for the 2021 Pavement Rehabilitation Project. The list includes portions of Fourth Street, Third Street, Calle Ocho, Elm Lane, Eighth Street, and Holly Avenue.
- The Council unanimously approved an amendment to the Carpinteria Municipal Code to add a section clarifying that City purchases can be made through cooperative purchasing agreements administered by a government agency or government-oriented entity.
- The Council voted unanimously to establish the position of Parks and Facilities Maintenance Worker in the Parks, Recreation and Public Facilities Department and consideration of reclassification of the Senior Parks and Facilities Maintenance Technician position.

### **MARCH 23**

#### **PARKS & BEACHES MUST BE USED RESPONSIBLY**

Public parks, trails, and beaches offer a number of opportunities for Carpinterians to recreate in healthy and safe ways while complying with social distancing mandates. While the City encourages use of public open spaces, we insist that these shared areas be used responsibly. To slow the spread of COVID-19, residents must follow guidelines developed by health experts. First and foremost, please stay at home if you are sick or showing symptoms of possible sickness. Be sure to cover your mouth if you sneeze or cough. Please maintain 6-foot distance from people who are not part of your household and avoid sharing sports equipment, food, and other items with anyone from outside your household. Do not use play equipment in City Parks. Playgrounds and barbecue areas are currently closed as a means of reducing potential contact with the virus, which can survive on surfaces for several days.

### **MARCH 21**

#### **FOUR NEW CASES OF COVID-19 IN SB COUNTY**

The Santa Barbara County Public Health Department (PHD) is confirming four new confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the county, bringing the total to 13.

- Case #10—in their 20s and resides in South County
- Case #11—in their 60s and resides in North County
- Case #12—in their 40s and resides in South County
- Case #13—in their 40s and resides in South County

PHD is conducting a thorough investigation to determine how they contracted COVID-19 as well as identifying people with whom they may have had close contact.

Mandated social distancing measures are in place to slow the spread of the virus. All large nonessential professional, social, and community gatherings should be postponed or cancelled, and smaller gatherings should be modified to allow for at least six feet of space between participants.

“We are urging our community to stay home when they are sick and practice consistent social distancing practices,” shared Van Do-Reynoso, Public Health Director for Santa Barbara County. “It is critical that we all take the necessary steps to slow the spread of this illness in our community.”

Community members are reminded to take measures to prevent the spread of respiratory illness:

Wash your hands with soap and water

Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands

Avoid close contact with people who are sick

Stay away from people if you become sick with respiratory symptoms like fever and cough

Keep surfaces clean by wiping them down with a household disinfectant

## **MARCH 20**

### **CITY COUNCIL AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS, HOW TO PARTICIPATE**

The Carpinteria City Council will hold its next regular meeting on Monday, March 23 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall. To minimize the potential spread of the COVID-19 virus, the City of Carpinteria has decided to close physical access for members of the public to City Council Chambers for the meeting. Instead, members of the public are strongly encouraged to view the meeting live at [www.carpinteria.ca.us](http://www.carpinteria.ca.us) or on Government Access Television Channel 21.

Members of the public may submit comments on agenda items via email to the City Clerk at [PublicComment@ci.carpinteria.ca.us](mailto:PublicComment@ci.carpinteria.ca.us) by 4 p.m. on Monday, March 23. Comments should be limited to 250 words. Every effort will be made to read the comments into the record, but time limitations may not allow for all comments to be read.

To make a comment while an item is being heard, members of the public may send an email to the City Clerk with contact information. Emails should be sent to [PublicComment@ci.carpinteria.ca.us](mailto:PublicComment@ci.carpinteria.ca.us) by 4 p.m. on Monday, March 23. They should include the following information: (a) meeting date, (b) agenda item number, (c) subject or title of the item, (d) full name, (e) call back number and area code. During public comment on the agenda item specified in the email, City staff will make every effort to contact those individuals.

Comments posted on social media will not be provided to council members. Highlights from the agenda are listed below; additional details are available at

- Ratification Carpinteria-Summerland Fire Protection District's Ordinance to adopt the 2019 California Fire Code with amendments.
- Ratification of the Proclamation of Local Emergency by the Director of Emergency Services for the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic and reception of an update on the City's response to pandemic.
- Consideration of the Street Selection List for the 2021 Pavement Rehabilitation Project. The list includes portions of Fourth Street, Third Street, Calle Ocho, Elm Lane, Eighth Street, and Holly Avenue.
- Consideration of an ordinance the Carpinteria Municipal Code to add a section clarifying that City purchases can be made through cooperative purchasing agreements administered by a government agency or government-oriented entity.
- Consideration of establishing the position of Parks and Facilities Maintenance Worker in the Parks, Recreation and Public Facilities Department and consideration of reclassification of the Senior Parks and Facilities Maintenance Technician position.

## **MARCH 20**

### **SANITARY DISTRICT REQUESTS PUBLIC HELP**

For the Carpinteria Sanitary District's collection system and treatment plant to function reliably, it is critically important that customers do not flush any disinfectant wipes or any other wipe products, even if they are labeled "flushable." Also, please do not flush paper towels as they do not break down and can clog sewer pipes. For more information, visit <https://bit.ly/398mmHl>.

## **MARCH 20**

### **CITY SUPPORTS STATE ORDER TO STAY HOME**

California Governor Gavin Newsom has ordered all Californians to stay home to disrupt the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19). Effective yesterday, the order will remain in place until further notice.

The Governor's order allows individuals to leave their homes as needed to maintain continuity of operation of the federal critical infrastructure sectors, critical government services, schools, childcare, and construction, including housing construction. When people need to leave their homes or places of residence, they should at all times practice social distancing.

### **Essential services to remain open**

Services that will remain open during this critical period include gas stations, pharmacies, food outlets (grocery stores, farmers markets, food banks, convenience stores, take-out and delivery restaurants), banks, and laundromats/laundry services. Essential state and local government functions will also remain open, including law enforcement and offices that provide government programs and services.

### **Impacts on City operations**

The City of Carpinteria remains committed to providing essential local government services during the COVID-19 pandemic. Nine cases of the virus have now been identified in Santa Barbara County, and we are taking very seriously the Governor's orders to reduce the spread of disease and protect our healthcare system from being overwhelmed.

We appreciate your patience, cooperation, and understanding as we respond to a fluid situation that requires changes to the ways we deliver services to the Carpinteria community. Normal City operations and services will resume when circumstances allow.

### **City Parks impacts**

- Carpinteria Community Pool is closed
- City park children's play areas and equipment are closed at Memorial, Franklin Creek, Heath Ranch, El Carro, and Monte Vista parks and Tomol Interpretive Play Area.
- Park BBQ rentals have been suspended.

City parks, open spaces and trails will remain open to the public, and their maintenance and upkeep will continue with daily cleaning services for Park restrooms. Please leash your dog and maintain a six-foot distance from other persons.

### **City service closures/changes**

Though City Hall remains open for business via phone and email, our staff's focus will now be on essential services. This has resulted in modifications or suspension of non-essential services and may impair our staff's ability to be as responsive as we would be

under normal circumstances. Please understand that we are working very hard to maintain services while keeping residents safe and healthy.

- The Public Service Counter (Planning Permits, Building Permits Engineering Permits and Park Rentals) is closed. Planning and Engineering staff will continue to operate via email and phone communications. Routine activities such as applying for, or issuing permits, licenses, and similar functions may be affected. To make arrangements for these services, please call (805) 684-5405.
- Public Meetings: Non-essential public meetings will be postponed or cancelled. The City Council meeting scheduled for Monday, March 23 at 5:30 p.m. will be held, and residents are encouraged to participate remotely by streaming the meeting at <http://www.carpinteria.ca.us/videos/streaming.shtml> and/or submitting comments in advance to the City Clerk at [PublicComment@ci.carpinteria.ca.us](mailto:PublicComment@ci.carpinteria.ca.us).
- Building and Planning Inspections: Building and Planning inspections will continue at the discretion of the Building Inspector/Plans Examiner and Planners consistent with social distancing practices.
- Code Compliance Activities: In-person code enforcement interactions with the public will be limited as much as possible.
- Parking regulations: City of Carpinteria Code Compliance Officers will suspend vehicle ticketing in areas posted for street sweeping and timed parking. Enforcement of disabled parking, red, yellow, and passenger loading zones will continue to be enforced.
- Payment of Permit and License Fees: To arrange for payments to the City, please contact Ashley Chaparro at (805) 880-3406.

### **Additional resources**

We understand that residents will have questions and will seek clarifications related to the Governor's Order. The following resources are available:

- The SB County Call Center is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at (833) 688-5551.
- The 2-1-1 information line can be reached by dialing 211 from the 805 area code.
- SB County offers a recorded information line is available at (805) 681-4373.
- The SB County Behavioral Wellness access line is available 24/7 at (888) 868-1649.

The City of Carpinteria will continue to provide updates related to coronavirus. For more information about COVID-19 in Santa Barbara County, please visit [www.publichealthsb.org](http://www.publichealthsb.org).

### **MARCH 18 CITY PROCLAIMS LOCAL EMERGENCY**

Today, March 18, the City of Carpinteria proclaimed a Local Emergency in response to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Issued by the Director of Emergency Services, the proclamation is scheduled to be ratified by the City Council at its meeting on Monday, March 23 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall. The proclamation will improve the City's eligibility for State and Federal disaster assistance and funding. The City's website, <http://www.carpinteria.ca.us/>, includes several local updates related to the virus. Additionally, the County's public information portal contains extensive resources at <https://publichealthsb.org/>.

## **MARCH 18**

### **IMPORTANT UPDATE TO COVID-19/CORONAVIRUS SOCIAL DISTANCE PLAN**

The City of Carpinteria is committed to continuing to provide essential local government services to the Carpinteria community during the extraordinary circumstances created by the COVID-19 pandemic. We appreciate your patience, cooperation, and understanding that the situation is fluid and will continue to demand changes in how we endeavor to deliver services to the Carpinteria community.

**Carpinteria Community Pool:** After research and careful consideration, the Community Pool will be closed beginning Thursday, March 19, with scheduled reopening on Monday, April 6.

**City Park Children's Play areas and equipment:** After research and careful consideration, the children's playground areas and equipment at City Parks will be closed beginning today, Wednesday, March 19, with scheduled reopening on Monday, April 6.

- Playgrounds at Memorial, Franklin Creek, Heath Ranch, El Carro, and Monte Vista Parks are closed. The State and City are cooperating on the closure of the Tomol Interpretive Play Area.

- Park BBQ rentals have been suspended until further notice.

- City Parks, Open Spaces and Trails will remain open to the public, and their maintenance and upkeep will continue with daily cleaning services for Park restrooms. Please leash your dog and maintain a six-foot distance from other persons.

All scheduled re-open dates are subject to change based on circumstances.

## **MARCH 17**

### **COVID-19/CORONAVIRUS SOCIAL DISTANCE PLAN**

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#### **Public Service Counter Operations (Planning Permits, Building Permits**

**Engineering Permits and Park Rentals):** The public service counter at City Hall will be closed from Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> through April 3<sup>rd</sup> (if circumstances allow). Planning and Engineering staff will continue to operate via email and phone communications. Please note that routine activities such as applying for, or issuing permits, licenses, and similar functions may be affected. To make arrangements for these services, please call 805 684-5405.

**Public Meetings:** Non-essential public meetings will be postponed or cancelled. The Planning Commission meeting scheduled for April 6<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled, with the next regular meeting currently scheduled for May 4, 2020. The ARB meeting scheduled for March 26<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled, with the next regular meeting currently scheduled for April 16, 2020. The City Council meeting scheduled for Monday, March 23 at 5:30 p.m. will be held, and social distancing protocol will be followed in the Council Chamber.

**Building and Planning Inspections:** Building and Planning inspections will continue; however, they will be performed at the discretion of the Building Inspector/Plans Examiner and Planners consistent with the County Health Officer order to practice social distancing through maintaining a six-foot distance from others.

**Code Compliance Activities:** In-person code enforcement interactions with the public will be limited as much as possible.

Effective at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, the City of Carpinteria Code Compliance Officers will suspend vehicle ticketing in areas posted for street sweeping and timed parking. At this time, the City expects to resume enforcement on April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

Enforcement of disabled parking, red, yellow, and passenger loading zones will continue to be enforced.

**Payment of Permit and License Fees:** To make arrangements for payments to the City, please contact Ashley Chaparro at 805-880-3406.

## **MARCH 16**

### **A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR**

Coronavirus has spread around the globe, and efforts to slow its transmission and minimize its damage have caused significant impacts. Though no cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) have been identified in Carpinteria, we realize that the daily lives of most Carpinteria residents have been seriously affected already. Measures to slow its spread have disrupted residents' ability to work, go to school, play sports, and interact with friends.

These critical steps to maintain distance from one another are uncomfortable, but experts at the state and national levels have determined that they are our best means of mitigating the spread of the disease and protecting our healthcare system from becoming overwhelmed. We appreciate everyone's commitment to working together as a City, and we assure you that your City leadership is committed to doing everything in our power to maintain the health and safety of residents and to minimize the potential arrival and spread of the coronavirus in our community.

While this creates major challenges for us, we strive to continue to serve you as best we can by keeping our doors open for you and always being available to serve you as detailed in our City update below.

### **County & State Update**

A case of COVID-19 was identified last weekend in a Santa Barbara County resident, and the number of cases statewide has risen to 335. The County declared an emergency on March 12, at which time the Public Health Officer issued an order mandating social distancing to slow the spread of COVID-19 and prevent medical facilities from being overwhelmed. On March 15, California Governor Gavin Newsom called for all bars, wineries, nightclubs and brewpubs to close, and for restaurants to reduce their capacity by 50 percent. He also urged seniors and people with chronic

conditions to isolate themselves at home. We will notify the public if the Governor's guidance is incorporated into new mandatory orders at the County level.

### **City of Carpinteria Update**

City leaders have been meeting regularly to review the situation and respond in coordination with county, state and federal mandates and advice. At this point, the City will continue to operate and provide essential services to the Carpinteria community; however, some non-essential services could be modified or suspended in the future. We will keep you posted should a change be warranted.

At its next regular meeting, on March 23, the City Council will consider declaring a local emergency. This designation would help ensure the City benefits from state and federal emergency response resources that may become available.

City Hall will continue to be open and hold regular business hours. We ask that residents only visit City Hall with essential business at this time. Visitors are asked to limit their contact with counter surfaces and other individuals. Door handles and other surfaces will be disinfected regularly. We are coordinating with our janitorial contractor to increase frequency and adjust cleaning techniques at public restroom facilities. Similar measures will be taken at the Community Pool and the Veterans Hall.

Veterans Hall rentals have been suspended, and we are working with the organizations that operate regular programs out of the facility to modify or suspend services as appropriate.

City meetings that are considered essential will continue to be held, and those that are not will be postponed or canceled. Seating adjustments have already been made in the Council Chambers so that members of the public who attend meetings of the City Council, Planning Commission and other bodies can maintain minimum 6-foot separation.

Members of the public are encouraged to participate in public meetings without attending in person. Many meetings are live-streamed through the City website, <http://www.carpinteria.ca.us/videos/streaming.shtml>, and video recordings are available after meetings. Public comments can be submitted in advance to the City Clerk at [PublicComment@ci.carpinteria.ca.us](mailto:PublicComment@ci.carpinteria.ca.us).

For breaking news, status reports, and information about the coronavirus and its spread, residents are advised to use the public information portal (<https://publichealthsb.org/>) operated by the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department.

Again, we thank everyone for taking this matter seriously and being part of the effort to reduce the impact of the virus. Please stay safe and healthy. This is a dynamic situation, and we will continue to keep residents informed as circumstances evolve.

- Wade Nomura, Mayor

## **MARCH 17**

### **SECOND CASE OF COVID-19 CONFIRMED IN SB COUNTY**

The Santa Barbara County Public Health Department (PHD) has confirmed another positive case of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) in a north county resident. This is the second confirmed case in Santa Barbara County.

The person identified is in their 50's and does not have underlying health conditions. The individual is recovering in isolation at home until cleared by the Public Health Officer. PHD is taking steps to identify persons who may have had close contact with this person, including friends, family members, or health care professionals. PHD will monitor them and take appropriate measures, including testing for infection, if needed.

This person has no history of travel within or outside the United States, but did have contact with someone confirmed to have COVID-19. This second case did not have contact with Santa Barbara County's first confirmed case. PHD will notify the public immediately should the investigation indicate any further action or if additional precautions are needed.

"The Santa Barbara County Public Health Department Barbara County is continuing to mandate social distancing measures to slow the spread of the virus. We are asking our residents to avoid unnecessary outings and practice diligent distancing of 6 feet or more between persons when in the community, shared Dr. Henning Ansorg, Health Officer for Santa Barbara County.

Symptoms of COVID-19 can include fever, cough and shortness of breath. Older adults and individuals with underlying medical conditions are particularly vulnerable to COVID-19. Find more information about home care and current criteria used for COVID-19 testing countywide [here](#).

Since human coronaviruses most commonly spread through respiratory droplets, community members are reminded to take measures to prevent the spread of respiratory illness:

Wash your hands with soap and water

Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands

Avoid close contact with people who are sick

Stay away from work, school or other people if you become sick with respiratory symptoms like fever and cough

Keep surfaces (especially bedside tables, surfaces in the bathroom, and toys for children) clean by wiping them down with a household disinfectant.

For more information about COVID-19 and PHD's response, please visit [www.publichealthsb.org](http://www.publichealthsb.org) or call the County Call Center Monday through Friday 8a.m. – 5p.m. at (833) 688-5551.

## **MARCH 17**

### **BARS INSTRUCTED TO CLOSE, RESTAURANTS TO OFFER TAKE-OUT ONLY**

A press release from the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department instructs bars, nightclubs, pubs, breweries and wineries to immediately close to the public under new guidance issued by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) on Tuesday.

Restaurants and other food facilities offering on-site dining should immediately transition to only offering delivery or take-out service as part of the public health effort to slow the spread of coronavirus disease. The Santa Barbara County Public Health Department is urging local bars nightclubs, pubs, breweries, and wineries to comply with this request immediately and to cancel any planned St. Patrick's Day celebrations or events.

The goal of the guidance is to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in communities. Bars, nightclubs, restaurants, and other food facilities are locations where people from many parts of the community gather, increasing the chances of transmitting the virus that causes coronavirus disease. While many bars, nightclubs and pubs traditionally hold events for St. Patrick's Day, these are particularly dangerous at this point in the coronavirus pandemic, as they could result in widespread transmission of the disease in Santa Barbara County.

Grocery stores, markets and activities such Foodbank distribution sites are not being asked to close at this time as they provide critical services to the community. CDPH has provided social distancing guidance for these operations, such as ensuring at least 6 feet of space between groups of unrelated people while shopping or standing in line.

For more information or the complete guidance issued by CDPH, visit <http://bit.ly/3d83Bqv>.

### **MARCH 16 GENERAL PLAN MEETING CANCELED**

The City of Carpinteria has been closely monitoring the coronavirus (COVID-19) situation and working with public health officials. After assessment of the current situation, the decision was made to postpone the Coastal Land Use Plan/General Plan Committee meeting that was scheduled for tonight, Monday, March 16. The public will be informed when a new date is chosen. Updates are posted at

<http://www.carpinteria.ca.us/communitydev/GeneralPlanUpdate.shtml>

### **MARCH 13 HOUSEHOLD/HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY POSTPONED**

The City of Carpinteria has decided to postpone its Annual Household Goods and Hazardous Waste Day out of an abundance of caution related to the spread of coronavirus. The event will be rescheduled from April 11 to a new date which has not been determined yet. Household goods and waste will **NOT** be accepted at City Hall on April 11. As soon as a replacement date for the event is decided upon, the City will inform residents.

The City **WILL** hold its ABOP disposal events on Saturday, March 21 and April 18, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. At these events, residents can dispose of antifreeze (max. 5 gallons), oil (max. 5 gallons), batteries, used oil filters, latex and oil based paints (full list at [paintcare.org](http://paintcare.org)), small household electronics (max three per household), mercury based thermostats and compact florescent light bulbs.

### **MARCH 12 COUNTY MANDATES EVENT CANCELLATION & SOCIAL DISTANCING**

Given the imminent threat presented by the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), Santa Barbara County's Director of Emergency Services has proclaimed a Local Health Emergency.

The emergency proclamation signed today mandates the cancellation or postponement of non-essential gatherings of 250 people or more. Additionally, attendees of small gatherings shall maintain six foot distancing, particularly for those at high risk for severe illness from COVID-19. These mandates are effective immediately through March 30. School, work and shopping are examples of essential events that fall outside of the mandate.

There have been 198 cases and four deaths from the virus identified in California, and yesterday the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a global pandemic. Though Santa Barbara County has no known cases of the virus, the County's public health officer is authorized to take preventative measures that may be necessary to protect and preserve public health.

For additional information, members of the public are encouraged to visit the SB County Public Health Department's coronavirus public information portal at <https://publichealthsb.org/>

## **MARCH 8**

### **COUNTY SUGGESTS STEPS TO PREPARE FOR CORONAVIRUS**

In the face of a significant increase in the numbers of confirmed cases of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in mainland China and other countries, as well as the western U.S., local residents are understandably worried and fearful. The Santa Barbara County Public Health Department (PHD), out of an abundance of caution, is seeking to solidify the county's readiness should the COVID-19 virus be found here or in a nearby county.

The PHD is suggesting agencies, businesses, organizations, and health care providers throughout the county consider developing and/or updating a plan for social distancing within 24-48 hours.

County Health Officer Dr. Henning Ansorg states, "The discovery of community transmission elsewhere in the state makes me feel that COVID-19 could arrive in our county at any time and we want to be prepared." Community transmission means person-to-person spread.

"Our first level of protection comes from the quarantine and isolation of certain individuals," said Dr. Ansorg. He further stressed that these plans will not be put into effect immediately. "Once cases of COVID-19 are found in the community, it will be time to implement social distancing plans."

Social distancing means lessening contact between individuals throughout the county. Businesses, for instance, would review their staffing and identify workers who could work from home, resulting in fewer people and less contact between people at the workplace. Members of the public should speak with their employer about alternative work plans, such as telecommuting.

A population that is at particular risk from the COVID-19 is the elderly. Extended care facilities are being asked to write or update their plans for protecting their residents from interaction with those from outside their place of residence. While children seem to be less impacted by COVID-19 than other groups, schools have made significant advances in their planning for possible temporary closure. Some schools were closed for weeks during the H1N1 pandemic 10 years ago. It is important that schools and childcare facilities have a plan in place and are communicating with parents.

Primary care medical sites are being asked to implement plans to communicate with patients via Skype, FaceTime and over the phone. Many patient visits can be handled distantly thus avoiding crowding of clinics and the resulting increased risk of close contact that might further spread COVID-19. There is little evidence that pregnant women are at particularly increased risk from this virus, but special care should still be taken to decrease their social contacts.

Gatherings such as religious services might consider live streaming so that congregants can view the service from home, or they may consider modifying their service so that there can be at least two spaces between each congregant.

“The cancelation of large, non-essential gatherings is a possibility down the line,” said Dr. Ansorg. “Implementation of social distancing plans should be handled with creativity, flexibility and sensitivity.”

Above all, people who are starting to feel ill or who are ill, should stay away from others and not go into crowded settings.

People should continue to practice the same habits to prevent themselves from getting the flu. They should wash their hands frequently, elbow or fist bump one another instead of shaking hands or hugging, sneeze or cough into the crook of their elbow and maintain a six-foot or greater distance between themselves and anyone who looks ill. Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands. Get a flu immunization to prevent influenza if they have not done so this season. Wearing a surgical face mask is necessary for those who are ill and going out in public, such as going to the doctor’s office. Health care workers interacting with patients should wear an N95 mask.

County PHD is working closely with its healthcare partners to assure screening, testing and care for potential COVID-19 patients. The PHD is providing ongoing guidance and alerts to healthcare partners in close coordination with the state Department of Public Health (CDPH) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Healthcare partners, including EMS providers, are participating in weekly teleconferences with the PHD to assure that procedures are in place at each facility to safely screen patients and protect healthcare workers and the community.

The PHD has been working diligently to prepare for the possibility of a COVID-19 case in the county. The team is in daily contact with state and federal officials and agencies and is closely monitoring neighboring counties for possible COVID-19 cases. The PHD Department Operations Center (D.O.C.) has been activated as of March 6. The PHD reminds the community of the steps to take to protect their health and the health of those around them:

- Wash your hands with soap and water
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Stay away from work, school or other people if you become sick with respiratory symptoms like fever and cough

Regular coronavirus updates and other useful public resources are available on the PHD website at <http://bit.ly/2Tnj3XP>. For answers to frequently asked questions, see <http://bit.ly/3cuNPFS>.

## **MARCH 5**

### **COUNTY PROVIDES CORONAVIRUS UPDATES**

The Santa Barbara County Public Health Department is working closely with the California Department of Public Health and the CDC to respond to the outbreak of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). Thus far, no cases have been identified in Santa Barbara County, and the health risk to the public remains low at this time. As of March 4, there were 80 cases in the United States and 53 in California. Regular updates to these numbers and other useful public resources are available on the SBCPHD website at <http://bit.ly/2Tnj3XP>. For answers to frequently asked questions, see <http://bit.ly/3cuNPFS>.