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# PRESS RELEASE

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## City of Pacifica – Coronavirus Update (as of May 1, 2020) Shelter in Place Order & City Facilities Closure Extended to May 31

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Pacifica, CA) – The seven Bay Area Public Health Officers who ordered a shelter in place in mid-March have extended the orders through May 31, 2020. The new orders will take effect on May 4, 2020 and includes the County of San Mateo, amongst other jurisdictions. Read the San Mateo County [entire order here](#).

Under the new Order, **Pacifica facilities will remain closed through May 31, 2020**; however, essential services will continue to be provided, as well as continuing the essential food service programs for seniors currently operating. The public may continue to utilize a variety of City services as available over phone, email, and/or online. Please visit the City Closures and Suspensions page [www.cityofpacifica.org/about/coronavirus/city\\_closures\\_and\\_suspensions.asp](http://www.cityofpacifica.org/about/coronavirus/city_closures_and_suspensions.asp) for more information.

The new San Mateo County Health Order, summarized in part below, has loosened previous restrictions and created some additional restrictions as follows beginning May 4th:

- The radius of travel for essential exercise activities will be revised from 5 miles to 10 miles;
- The following beach accessories will be prohibited: umbrellas; shade structures; tents; BBQs and grills; coolers; chairs, hammocks, and other conveyances designed to sit and or lounge;
- All construction activities permitted under the State's Shelter Order are allowed with strict jobs site safety protocols in place. Beginning May 4<sup>th</sup>, the City's Building Division will resume normal services; however, the office will continue to be closed to customers. Permit applications and plans must be submitted electronically. Inspections can be requested by phone and may be conducted via video or in person. In-person inspections will be cancelled if job sites are found to not be in compliance with job site safety protocols. Links to safety protocols and details about how to obtain services can be found [here](#).
- All real estate transactions will also now be able to resume, but with continued restrictions on open houses and limitations on in-person viewings.
- Certain outdoor businesses can also begin operating again, and people can visit those businesses to perform work or obtain goods, services, or supplies. This includes wholesale and

retail nurseries, landscapers, gardeners, and other businesses that primarily provide outdoor services as set forth in the Order. Outdoor businesses do not include restaurants, cafes or bars, regardless of whether they have outdoor seating.

- The Order provides for the resumption of some parks and recreation services and opening of facilities, including childcare programs under certain conditions. However, significant evaluation and planning for resumption of these types of services and facilities is necessary to ensure health safety and comply with state and county requirements. The City has begun this evaluation and planning and will not be resuming these types of services or opening these types of facilities until such detailed evaluation and planning is complete, date to be determined.
- It is important to note that the stricter of the two orders (local and State) takes precedence over the other. All local requirements for social distancing and wearing face coverings remain in effect.

While tools to strengthen containment of COVID-19 are put into place, the social distancing intervention has slowed the increase of new cases and prevented the anticipated medical surge. As some restrictions are eased, it is critical to ensure that growth of cases can be sufficiently contained to protect the health and safety of our community.

For the latest updates on the City's response efforts to COVID-19 please visit:

<https://www.cityofpacificacounty.org/about/coronavirus/default.asp>.

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