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The County Reopens Slowly & Safely

Beginning Monday, October 5, schools can apply for a waiver to reopen their classrooms for in-person instruction for students in grades TK through 2. The application must be accompanied by letters of support from employees and parents. In addition, schools must also submit a completed Public Health K-12 Protocol Checklist to demonstrate that they are in compliance with all required infection control protocols. The review process will take 2-3 weeks and includes consultation with the CA Department of Public Health.

The timeline for the re-opening of additional sectors:

- October 1, nail salons resumed indoor services at 25% capacity. Outdoor services should continue as much as possible.
- October 5, cardrooms can reopen for outdoor operations only. Food and beverages may not be served at the tables. Face coverings are required.
- October 7, indoor shopping malls will be allowed to reopen with occupancy limited to 25% capacity; all food courts and all common areas remain closed.
- Outside playgrounds can reopen at the discretion of cities.

Public Health continues consulting with County Counsel on the process for re-opening outdoor operations at breweries and wineries serving a meal. For info www.publichealth.lacounty.gov.

Dear Neighbor,

The Bellflower City Council unanimously placed Measure M – a $\frac{3}{4}$ cent increase in local sales tax – onto the ballot. If enacted, Measure M will help address homelessness, support youth programs, repair streets and maintaining public safety services.

Bellflower voters will also have the opportunity to select the City Council Member for District 4 on the November ballot.

November's general election will be the first statewide all mail-in ballot election in California's history. As there are updates to voting procedures and information, we will continue to keep you up-to-date. To check your current voter registration status, visit: voterstatus.sos.ca.gov.

Sincerely,


Jeff Stewart
City Manager



Don't be Frightened; 2020 Census Deadline Extended to October 31st

If you haven't completed your 2020 Census survey, there's no need to fear, you can still participate through the month of October. The United States District Judge Lucy H. Koh has restored the deadline for the 2020 Census to its original extended date of October 31, providing additional time for residents to take action and make sure they are counted as part of this once-in-a-decade count that helps determine funding for vital community services.

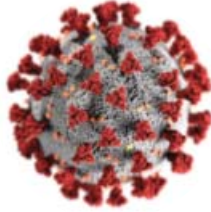
The new timeline, unless overturned in the courts, will allow more time for County residents to participate

and help ensure an accurate and complete count in the nation's most populous county. To take the survey online, visit 2020census.gov.



Isolation is Key When Testing Positive

Isolating when positive and quarantining when exposed are two important tools in slowing the spread of COVID-19. As a reminder, anyone who tests positive needs to isolate from others for at least 10 days, until symptoms have improved, and they are fever free for at least 24 hours.



Any person that tests positive for COVID-19 may be able to infect others for up to 10 days after being diagnosed, even if the person never had symptoms or their symptoms have subsided, and anyone who tests positive for COVID-19 may have been able to infect others for at least 48 hours before they tested positive or before they showed any symptoms. For info: publichealth.lacounty.gov

Golden Corral Keeps Doors Open in Town

The local operator of franchised Golden Corral buffet restaurant here in Bellflower is not filing Chapter 11 bankruptcy and will continue operations outdoors. The traditional buffet has now temporarily shifted to 3-course served plates. Stop by for lunch or dinner and show your support for local eateries.



Registered voters will automatically receive a VBM ballot for this Election, but if you choose to cast your vote early, in-person visit the Registrar-Recorders Office in Norwalk starting October 5, 2020. lavote.net/home/voting-elections

Struggling to Pay Bills Due to COVID-19 Pandemic?

The City of Bellflower will offer emergency housing assistance payments on behalf of eligible Bellflower residents that have been negatively impacted economically by the COVID-19 Pandemic. Bellflower residents can apply for a maximum of \$800 per month for up to three months of rent, mortgage, or utility assistance. All payments will be made directly to the landlord, property management company, mortgage lender or utility company for current or past due payments.



To be eligible, you must:

- Must be a renter or homeowner residing in the City of Bellflower.
- Must be the applicant's primary residence.
- Must have been negatively impacted economically during the COVID-19 Pandemic.
- Must be at or below 80% of the Area Median Income, as defined by HUD (see income limits on website).
- Currently do not receive any other forms of resident assistance payments (ex. Section 8, Los Angeles County COVID-19 Rent Relief assistance, or other resident assistance programs)

Applications are now being accepted through Thursday, October 22 until 4:00 p.m. For eligibility or to download and application visit www.bellflower.org/relief.

Childcare for Essential and Low Income Workers

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and the City of Los Angeles have dedicated part of their CARES Act funding to provide child care services (vouchers) for essential workers and low-income working parents during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Child Care Alliance of Los Angeles (CCALA) and its partner agencies will distribute these funds to eligible essential workers.

Eligible families must be:

- Essential workers or low-income working families (essential worker includes: parents/guardians working in essential services such as, the health care industry, emergency

services, food and agriculture, and other businesses currently open as per the Governor's recent guidelines)

- Must live in Los Angeles County
- Need child care to perform their essential work
- Is not able to work remotely
 - Meet certain income eligibility
 - If the family includes a two-parent household, both parents must either be essential workers or the other parent must be unable to provide care for the child due to incapacitation



Families who meet eligibility guidelines may receive emergency child care services for their children until December 30, 2020. To apply visit www.ccala.net.