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## Updated Health Officer Order in Effect Today

As COVID-19 cases surge and hospitalizations continue to increase, the Los Angeles County Health Officer Order will be modified with an effective date of today (Friday, November 20th) to reduce the possibility for crowding and reduce the potential for exposures in settings where people are not always wearing their face coverings in an effort to prevent more cases, increased hospitalizations and more deaths. Today, the following goes into effect:

- Private outdoor gatherings may only include 15 people who are from no more than 3 households, including the host household.
- The number of patrons at outdoor restaurants, breweries and wineries will be limited to 50% maximum outdoor capacity. Restaurants, breweries, wineries, bars, and all other non-essential retail establishments must close from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. This is not a curfew, but rather restrictions on operating hours. As permitted to operate, businesses can still offer pick-up and delivery services outside of these hours.
- The number of customers at cardrooms, outdoor mini-golf, go-karts and batting cages will be limited to 50% maximum outdoor capacity.
- Non-essential businesses permitted to operate indoors - including retail stores, offices, personal care services - will be limited to 25% of the maximum occupancy allowed.
- Services at personal care

establishments may only be provided by appointment to customers wearing face coverings by staff wearing face coverings.

- o Services that require either the customer or the staff to remove their face covering, such as facials and shaves, are not permitted.

- o Food and drinks cannot be served at these establishments to customers.

In addition, the County has established thresholds for additional actions if cases and/or hospitalizations continue to increase.

**California's Limited Stay at Home Order**

- All non-essential activities stop between 10 pm and 5 am
- Effective 11/21/2020 to 12/21/2020
- Restricting movement & mixing of households protects essential workers and dramatically slows spread, hospitalizations and deaths.

The best way to celebrate Thanksgiving this year is to stay home and celebrate with people who live in your household. Connect with friends and family you don't live with using all of the technology that allows us to see and hear each other from afar. If you do choose to gather, closely follow the guidance for private gatherings. Gather outdoors with no more than two other households, and no more than 15 people; wear face coverings unless eating or drinking and stay at least 6 feet apart. Limit the gathering to no more than two hours and do not share food or utensils.

The City of Bellflower has developed a program that may help generate sales for Bellflower businesses while recovering from the pandemic.

A digital gift card (e-gift card) program geared specifically for our community will soon launch!

[www.BuyBellflower.com](http://www.BuyBellflower.com)

Business owners can sign-up now for FREE. To kick off the program, all giftcard purchases will be discounted by the City. INFO: (562) 804-1424 ext. 2249



### Mark your calendar

**BELLFLOWER CITY HALL & ALL CITY FACILITIES ARE CLOSED FOR THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY**

**November 25th-27th, 2020**  
*in observance of Veterans Day*

*Trash & Street Sweeping Services will be delayed one day.*

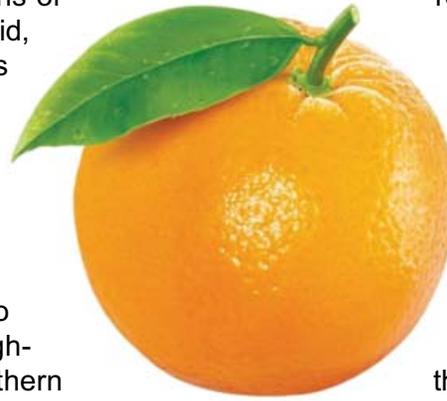
Bellflower business owners and operators, request your FREE social distancing floor stickers by calling the City's Economic Development Department at (562) 804-1424 ext. 2010.



# Protect Your California Citrus

California's beloved citrus trees are being threatened by the deadly plant disease, Huanglongbing (HLB). To fight HLB, thousands of tiny beneficial insects (wasps) called *Tamarixia radiata* are being released in neighborhoods across California to reduce populations of the Asian citrus psyllid, the pest that carries the disease.

This natural biological control is one of the many tools CDFA uses against HLB as the disease continues to be detected throughout the four Southern California counties of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino. Although HLB has not been found in a commercial citrus grove, more than 2,000 residential citrus trees in California have been in-



fectured with HLB and destroyed.

Citrus tree owners can help fight against HLB. State agriculture crews are not treating in all areas of California, so tree owners may need to take a proactive stance to protect their tree. Inspect citrus foliage regularly for signs of the pest and disease, and consider treating the citrus tree with a product proven to be effective against the Asian citrus psyllid. Visit local nurseries or garden centers and ask about products that will control the Asian citrus psyllid. Always follow label instructions for the safest and most effective use of the product.

For more info about citrus pests or how to care for a citrus tree visit [www.californiacitrusthreat.org](http://www.californiacitrusthreat.org).

## Student Art Contest

The Water Replenishment District (WRD) invites K-6th grade students to participate in our Annual Student Art Contest and encourages them to get creative about spreading messages on the importance of Groundwater and Water Conservation. This year's contest theme is called "Water is Life!" and the deadline to enter is Friday, November 6, 2020. Any selected winners who submitted their entries using the online form will be required to send their original artwork to WRD by December 4, 2020 to qualify for their prize.

Topic options include:

- #1 Groundwater: The Treasure Beneath Our Feet
- #2 Water Nerds are Water Heroes
- #3 Saving Water Saves the Planet

For rules, recommended artwork size, and submission requirements/parental signatures, visit their website at [www.wrd.org/StudentArtContest](http://www.wrd.org/StudentArtContest)



Show your spirit by decorating the outside of your home\*. All nominations must be submitted by December 3rd. Judging will be on the week of December 7th. The winning homes will be recognized with a lawn sign and certificate from the Mayor and City Council. To submit a nomination visit [www.bellflower.org](http://www.bellflower.org).

\*Program is open to Bellflower residents in single-family homes only. Condos, townhomes, apartments, mobile homes, and gated communities are excluded from participation.

Please call the Parks and Recreation Department at (562) 804-1424, ext. 2261 or visit the City's website [www.bellflower.org](http://www.bellflower.org) for more information.