UPDATE #9 – Redondo Beach Modifies COVID-19 Restrictions

Redondo Beach, Calif. – Based on the community’s widespread compliance with the COVID-19 related restrictions, the City of Redondo Beach is modifying the prior orders as part of the gradual lifting of COVID-19 related restrictions. In keeping with the Countywide actions to begin a slow and phased reopening of areas, the City of Redondo Beach is enacting changes to local closures and restrictions as described below.

The Redondo Beach City Manager, acting in his capacity as Emergency Services Director, has issued the attached order modifying restrictions as summarized as follows:

1. On or before May 15, 2020, in conjunction with the anticipated re-opening of countywide beaches pursuant to a modified Health Order from the Los Angeles County Public Health Department, all beach access points in Redondo Beach (with the exception of the stairs at Avenue C) will be reopened for solo/family active recreation activities including swimming, surfing, running, and walking. Please bear in mind that no beach chairs, canopies, coolers, or grills will be allowed on public beaches.

2. All other parking restrictions in Redondo Beach coastal areas will remain in place until later phases of the beach re-opening.

3. Similarly, as part of the phased opening of beaches, both the Personal Watercraft Hand Launching Facility and the Public Boat Hoist are scheduled to reopen on May 15, 2020 with social distancing and new operational requirements in place to ensure public safety.

4. The Harbor Drive Bike Lanes and the North Redondo Beach Bike Path from Robinson Street to Felton Lane are being reopened except for segments impacted by construction near Artesia Boulevard.
5. The Redondo Beach Dog Park at Dominguez Park will reopen this weekend as part of the Countywide lifting of restrictions on dog parks.

6. City offices, including the Main and North Branch Libraries, the City’s three senior centers, the Redondo Beach Performing Arts Center, the teen center, City playgrounds, and basketball courts will remain closed (except for telephone and remote access where applicable) through June 30, 2020. Tennis court reopening will be coordinated with lifting of the applicable Countywide order.

7. Workers at establishments including supermarkets, pharmacies, dry cleaners, and other retail establishments must continue to wear face coverings that cover their noses and mouths while performing work.

8. Workers who provide services including delivery, maintenance, construction, and other services must continue to wear face coverings that cover their noses and mouths while performing work in the company of others.

9. All customers and visitors to stores, business and services must continue to wear face coverings while at the store or business or while receiving these services.

As previously described, the face coverings are not required to be medical grade masks and they may be fabric coverings including bandanas or scarves. Please remember that masks are not a substitute for social distancing and hand washing requirements.

Additionally, please keep in mind that the Los Angeles County Safer at Home Public Health Order remains in place and continued relaxation of restrictions will be dependent upon a number of factors including capacity at area hospitals, adherence to physical distancing and infection control requirements, and the region’s ability to slow the spread of COVID-19. In order to do your part to reduce the risk of spreading illnesses, it is recommended that each person:

- Adhere to the Countywide Safer at Home Order issued by the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health to the greatest degree possible.
- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Cover mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing using a tissue or sleeve (not hands).
- Clean and disinfect objects and surfaces often.
Individuals are encouraged to follow the guidelines of the Los Angeles County Health Department, the California Department of Public Health, and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

For more information:

Los Angeles County Department of Public Health: [http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/coronavirus/](http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/coronavirus/)

California Department of Public Health: [https://cdph.ca.gov/](https://cdph.ca.gov/)

Center for Disease Control: [http://www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)

Thank you for your understanding as we continue to address the threat of COVID-19 in Redondo Beach.

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ADDITIONAL EMERGENCY ORDERS BY THE REDONDO BEACH CITY MANAGER
UNDER THE PROCLAMATION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY DUE TO COVID-19
May 7, 2020

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, I declared a local emergency due to the imminent threat of COVID-19 in Redondo Beach and subsequently ordered a number of measures to help protect residents, visitors and City employees and to combat the spread of the virus in our community including: the closure of the City’s three Senior Centers; the cancellation or postponement of a number of citywide special events and activities at the Redondo Beach Performing Arts Center; the closure of the City’s Main Library, North Branch Library and Teen Center; the suspension of the City’s After School Care Program; the suspension of all City Advisory Commission Meetings; and the modification of core municipal services to enable proper social distancing.

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, I issued a second proclamation, in conjunction with Los Angeles County Health Officer recommendations, ordering the closure of all restaurants, bars, nightclubs, movie theaters, gyms and fitness centers in the City; issued a temporary moratorium on evictions due to the non-payment of rent or mortgage resulting from COVID-19 related financial distress; and prohibited the shutoff of any utilities due to late payment.

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the Mayor and City Council ratified the declaration of local emergency and confirmed all emergency orders (see the attached summary) implemented by the City as of that date.

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, the Los Angeles County Public Health Officer issued the Safer at Home Order to further restrict and limit the gathering of persons and to require the closure of malls, shopping centers, children’s playgrounds, and non-essential retail businesses to stem or slow the spread of COVID-19 within the greater Los Angeles community.

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020 the Governor of the State of California issued Executive Order N-33-20 ordering all individuals living in the State of California to stay home or at their place of residence, except as needed to maintain continuity of operations of federal critical infrastructure sectors.
WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020, I ordered additional measures including the closure of Wilderness Park and all City Park Playgrounds and made modifications to the operations of the Beach Cities Transit System and The Wave.

WHEREAS, on March 21, 2020, the Los Angeles County Public Health Officer issued a revised Safer at Home Order prohibiting all indoor and outdoor public and private gatherings and events and further restricting the number and type of businesses considered Essential Businesses.

WHEREAS, on March 26, 2020, in coordination with Los Angeles County and other South Bay Cities, I ordered the closure of a number of additional City spaces, parks and facilities including the Redondo Beach Pier and Esplanade, through April 24, 2020, to reduce crowding in public places and to help slow the spread of COVID-19 in the community.

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2020, the Los Angeles County Health Officer, issued an addendum to the Safer at Home Order and temporarily closed public trails, beaches, piers and beach bike paths to help ensure safe social distancing.

WHEREAS, on April 7, 2020, the City of Los Angeles issued a Worker Protection Order, requiring workers and customers of certain businesses and essential service providers such as grocery stores, laundromats, restaurants, and hotels to wear face coverings while performing their work or visiting the businesses.

WHEREAS, on April 9, 2020, the City Manager acting as the Director of Emergency Services issued Additional Emergency Public Orders regarding the requirement of workers of Essential Businesses to wear face coverings; workers of other businesses and services who perform their duties in the company of others to wear face coverings and visitors of Essential Businesses and other businesses and services to wear face coverings.

WHEREAS, on April 10, 2020, the Los Angeles County Public Health Officer issued a revised Safer at Home Order requiring all employees of Essential Businesses to wear face coverings while performing duties that require contact with others and members of the public visiting Essential Businesses to wear face coverings.

WHEREAS, on April 21, 2020, the City Council confirmed all of the Emergency Orders issued to date by the City Manager acting as the Director of Emergency Services with some minor modifications.

WHEREAS, on May 5, 2020, the City Council 1) received a status report on the Local Emergency and a draft beach reopening plan prepared by the Los Angeles County Beaches and Harbors Department signaling the County’s intention to re-open the beach for exercise purposes only and allow ocean water access for swimming and other water activities on or before May 15, 2020 and 2) gave direction regarding modifications to City Emergency Orders in anticipation of changes the State and County are likely to make to
their Stay at Home and Safer at Home Orders to allow for a phased reopening of business and public activities with continued social distancing requirements.

WHEREAS, on May 6, 2020, officials from Los Angeles County announced that certain businesses and public locations would reopen on May 8, 2020, including florists, toy stores, book stores, clothing stores, music stores, sporting goods stores, car dealerships, golf courses and trails with new operation and social distancing requirements.

WHEREAS, as of May 7, 2020, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website listed the number of COVID-19 cases in the United States of America at 1,219,066 persons, including 73,297 deaths in the Country, and the Los Angeles County Public Health Department cited 29,427 cases (116 in Redondo Beach) and 1,418 deaths in Los Angeles County.

NOW THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as the City Manager and Director of Emergency Services for the City of Redondo Beach, and pursuant to the provisions of California Government Code Section 8634 and Redondo Beach Municipal Code Title 3, Chapter 2 and Title 5, Chapter 6 and the laws of the State of California to promulgate, issue, and enforce rules, regulations, orders, and directives, I hereby order, effective May 7, 2020 at 8:00 PM, the following:

1. The City’s cancellation of all special events in the City and activities at the Redondo Beach Performing Arts Center is extended through June 30, 2020.
2. The City’s closure of Redondo Beach Libraries is extended through June 30, 2020. Curbside pick-up of library materials is exempted from this closure, if appropriate infection control measures can be implemented consistent with Los Angeles County guidelines before June 30, 2020.
3. The City’s closure of the Perry Park Teen Center is extended through June 30, 2020.
4. The suspension of City Commission Meetings is extended through June 30, 2020 except for meetings of the Planning, Budget and Finance, and Harbor Commissions.
5. The City’s Orders regarding public and private gatherings are rescinded and replaced by the Los Angeles County Safer at Home Order and any other COVID-19 related Orders issued by the Los Angeles County Health Department applicable to public and private gatherings.
6. The City’s Order regarding the closure of restaurants in Redondo Beach, issued by the City Manager on March 16, 2020, is rescinded and replaced by the Los Angeles County Safer at Home Order and any other COVID-19 related Orders issued by the Los Angeles County Health Department applicable to restaurants.
7. The City’s Order regarding the closure of Bars and Nightclubs, Gyms, Fitness Centers, Movie Theatres, Live performance Theaters, Bowling Alleys and Arcades in Redondo Beach, issued by the City Manager on March 16, 2020, is rescinded and replaced by the Los Angeles County Safer at Home Order and any other COVID-19 related Orders issued by the Los Angeles County Health Department applicable to restaurants.
County Health Department applicable to Bars and Nightclubs, Gyms, Fitness Centers, Movie Theatres, Live performance Theaters, Bowling Alleys and Arcades.

8. The City's Order regarding the Temporary Moratorium on Evictions, issued by the City Manager on March 16, 2020, is rescinded and has been superseded by the COVID-19 Emergency Orders issued by the State of California.

9. The City's Order regarding operational changes to the Beach Cities Transit system is extended through June 30, 2020.


12. The City's closure of the Redondo Beach Pier, International Boardwalk and Parking Structures, except at designated locations for the purpose of picking up food at restaurants providing to-go orders and employees of those restaurants still providing service, is extended through June 30, 2020. The exception is also extended to employees of any commercial businesses at the Pier that are considered Essential Businesses under California and Los Angeles County COVID-19 Emergency Orders and any deliveries to those businesses.

13. The City's closure of the Esplanade, as defined as the sidewalk and parking spaces along the west side of the street from the City's southern boundary with the City of Torrance at Calle Miramar to Knob Hill Avenue, and the Parking Lot adjacent to Miramar Park in Torrance, is extended through June 30, 2020.

14. The City's closure of Veteran's Park and Parking Lots, including the public parking areas adjacent to the Elks Lodge, is extended through June 30, 2020.

15. The City's closure of public walkways, stairways, ramps, and paths that provide access to the Beach is modified to allow for reopening concurrently with Los Angeles County's reopening of the Beach for exercise and ocean water activities. This reopening modification does not apply to the stairs at Avenue C, which will remain closed through June 30, 2020.


17. The City's closure of the Pedestrian Path adjacent to the Los Angeles County Beach Bike Path between the City's southern boundary and the Redondo Beach Pier is extended through June 30, 2020.

18. The City's closure of all walkways and stairways that provide access from private residential properties to the Redondo Beach Pier and International Boardwalk is extended through June 30, 2020.

19. The City's closure of George Freeth Way, including the street, sidewalk and parking is extended through June 30, 2020.

20. The City's closure of Czuleger Park, except for the purpose of ingress and egress to residential properties adjacent to the Park, is extended through June 30, 2020.

23. The City’s closure of the Sidewalk and Public Parking on the west side of Harbor Drive is extended through June 30, 2020. The Bike Path on Harbor Drive is reopened.
24. The City’s closure of the Personal Watercraft Hand Launching Facility is to be rescinded on May 15, 2020, with the implementation of social distancing and new operational requirements as determined by the Waterfront and Economic Development Department.
25. The City’s closure of the Boat Hoist is to be rescinded on May 15, 2020, with the implementation of social distancing and new operational requirements as determined by the Waterfront and Economic Development Department.
26. The City’s closure of the Redondo Beach Marina Parking Lot, except at designated locations for the purpose of picking up food from restaurants providing to-go orders and employees of those restaurants still providing service, is extended through June 30, 2020. The exception is extended to live-aboard residents in the Marina and employees of any commercial businesses accessed via the Redondo Beach Marina Parking Lot that are considered Essential Businesses under California and Los Angeles County COVID-19 Emergency Orders and any deliveries to those businesses. The exception is also extended to Boat Hoist and Personal Watercraft Hand Launch Facility users effective May 15, 2020.
27. The City’s closure of Aviation park is extended through June 30, 2020.
28. The City’s closure of the North Redondo Beach Bike Path is rescinded, except for the portions of the Bike Path impacted by construction near Artesia Blvd.
29. The City’s closure of the Dog Park at Dominguez Park is modified to allow for reopening on May 9, 2020 with the implementation of new social distancing, face covering, and personal hygiene requirements as determined by the Recreation and Community Services Department.
31. The City’s closure of Park Tennis Courts is modified to allow for reopening concurrently with Los Angeles County’s reopening of its tennis court facilities and the implementation of new social distancing requirements as determined by the Recreation and Community Services Department.
32. The City’s closure of baseball fields at Dominguez, Alta Vista, and Perry Parks is extended through June 30, 2020.
33. The City’s Emergency Order regarding Face Coverings for workers and customers of certain businesses and service providers, issued by the City Manager on April 9, is extended through June 30, 2020.

If Los Angeles County reopens its beaches to leisure activity and its coastal bike path before June 30, 2020, the extended closures of City facilities described in Order Numbers 12 – 23, and 26 above, are rescinded as of the date of County beach leisure activity and bike-path re-opening.
PER THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE AND GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 8665, ANY VIOLATION OF THE ABOVE PROHIBITIONS SHALL CONSTITUTE A MISDEMEANOR, WHICH PROVIDES FOR FINES NOT TO EXCEED $1,000 OR IMPRISONMENT NOT TO EXCEED SIX MONTHS, AND MAY BE REFERRED TO THE OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY FOR PROSECUTION. EACH INDIVIDUAL OFFICER SHOULD USE THEIR DISCRETION IN ENFORCING THIS ORDER AND ALWAYS KEEP THE INTENT OF THE ORDER IN MIND.

Date: May 7, 2020

Joe Hoefgen
City Manager