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To the Members of the Pacifica Community,

Yesterday we received the outstanding news that — due to our collective diligence in wearing masks, maintaining physical distancing, and vigilant hand washing — the spread of COVID-19 in San Mateo County has slowed and we have been moved to the less restrictive red Tier 2, which allows:

- Restaurants indoors (max 25% capacity or 100 people, whichever is fewer)
- All retail indoors (max 50% capacity)
- Shopping centers, swap meets indoors (max 50% capacity, restricted food court operations)
- Personal care services hair and nail salons, barbershops (open with modifications)
- Museums, zoos, and aquariums (max 25% capacity)
- Places of worship (max 25% capacity)
- Movie theaters indoors (max 25% capacity or 100 people, whichever is fewer)
- Gyms and fitness centers indoors (max 10% capacity)
- Family entertainment centers (kart racing, mini-golf, batting cages) outdoors only with modifications

This update provides additional information about COVID vaccinations; grants for restaurants, breweries, and wineries; relief for tenants and property owners; and a new opportunity to connect with your Councilmembers.

## **COVID-19 Vaccination Information:**

Vaccination Notifications:

- Individuals currently eligible to receive the COVID vaccine: anyone age 65 and over, and those age 16 and older who work as healthcare workers, first responders, educators, childcare providers, and agriculture and food supply workers. If you meet one of these criteria, go to <a href="MyTurn">MyTurn</a> to schedule an online appointment.
- IMPORTANT NOTE: if the MyTurn scheduler confirms you are eligible, but there are no appointments at that moment, keep trying. Appointment availability is updated frequently, especially early in the morning.
- While COVID-19 vaccine supply remains limited, you can sign up for the <u>County's notification tool</u> to receive notification when the state makes you eligible and information about how you may get an appointment.
- <u>Use NPR's online tool</u> to find out where to start when it's your turn to get the COVID-19 vaccine. Plus, find helpful advice about how to navigate the system.

## Vaccine Quick Facts:

- The vaccine is safe and effective.
- There will eventually be enough vaccine for all.
- The vaccine is free for everyone.
- If you have health insurance, your provider will contact you when you are eligible for the vaccine.
- After vaccination, continue to wear a mask and social distance.

**COVID-19 Relief for Tenants and Landlords**: The COVID-19 Tenant Relief Act – <u>SB91</u> was signed into law January 29, 2021. SB 91 extends the COVID-19 Tenant Relief Act (AB 3088, 2020) for another five months until June 30, 2021, and creates a state government structure to pay up to 80 percent of past due rent to landlords. For more information go to <u>www.bcsh.ca.gov/covidrelief/</u>.

**COVID Questions with Council**: Beginning this Friday, February 26 at 1pm, Pacifica City Council presents *COVID Questions with Council*, a Facebook Live event where Councilmembers will bring you the latest COVID-19 information and updates. More details will be available on the City's website – <a href="https://www.cityofpacifica.org">www.cityofpacifica.org</a>.

Finally, as flags were lowered this week to acknowledge 500,000 American lives lost to this deadly pandemic, we must remember that we are all in this together. Simply put, the individual choices we make directly affect others. That's why the recent surge in violent attacks against Asians and Asian Americans in the Bay Area is so devastating. Thankfully, some of the most egregious acts of violence have been caught on video, and the perpetrators are being prosecuted. KQED reports there have been over 700 acts of hate against Asian American Pacific Islander communities in the Bay Area since the pandemic began. In response, a coalition of civil rights groups launched the <u>Stop AAPI Hate</u> reporting center at San Francisco State University. <u>Pacifica stands against hate</u> – and we must stand against expressions of xenophobia and bigotry. If you see something, please say something.

To receive the latest information on COVID and its impact on Pacifica, mark your calendar for Friday, Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> at 1pm and join the first Facebook Live COVID Questions with Council, featuring Mayor pro Tem Mary Bier and Councilmember Sue Vaterlaus. Sign up for the City's e-newsletter Connect with Pacifica here: <a href="mailto:tinyurl.com/ConnectWithPacifica">tinyurl.com/ConnectWithPacifica</a>, and sign up for San Mateo County Emergency Alert system here: hsd.smcsheriff.com/smcalert.

We are making great progress against COVID 19, and **MUST** continue to wear a mask, watch our distance, wash our hands, and wait for our turn to be vaccinated. We will make it through this together. We are **#PacificaStrong**.

Sincerely,

SUE BECKMEYER

Mayor