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City of Pacifica – Coronavirus Update (as of September 22, 2020) San Mateo County Moves to Second Stage of the State's Reopening System

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Pacifica, CA) – The state of California today announced good news in the local fight against the coronavirus as indoor restaurants, gyms, movie theaters and places of worship may now open with restrictions in San Mateo County. The county – effective immediately – moves to the second stage (red) of the state's four-tiered, color-coded reopening system. Still, the county's new risk level is considered "substantial" under the state's monitoring system and officials caution that businesses and individuals must continue to follow health and safety guidelines. San Mateo County's health order requiring face coverings, social distancing, and limited gatherings remains in effect.

Deirdre Martin, Pacifica Mayor said, "We are happy about the relief that moving to the second stage of the State's reopening system will bring to local businesses. However, we are still considered to have a "substantial" amount of community spread of the virus. It is important that everyone follow safety guidelines including wearing masks, distancing, and any other specific protocol a business may have in place. Following safety protocol is the single most important way that we can all help to ensure that the community remains safe and businesses remain open."

Moving to Tier 2 (Red) allows:

- Restaurants indoors (max 25% capacity or 100 people, whichever is fewer; bars, breweries, and distilleries that do not serve food must remain closed)
- All retail indoors (max 50% capacity)
- Shopping centers, swap meets indoors (max 50% capacity, closed common areas)
- Personal care services hair and nail salons, barbershops (open with modifications)
- Museums, zoos and aquariums (max 25% capacity)
- Places of worship (max 25% capacity or 100 people, whichever is fewer)
- Movie theaters in doors (max 25% capacity or 100 people, whichever is fewer)
- Gyms and fitness centers indoors (max 10% capacity)

Businesses allowed to reopen or expand operations must follow industry-specific guidelines for health and safety, face covering requirements and social distancing. Businesses can find guidelines that apply to their industry on the state's <u>COVID-19 website</u>.

Under the tier system, bars, breweries and distilleries where no meals are served remain closed.

For the latest updates on the City's response to COVID-19, visit: www.cityofpacifica.org/about/coronavirus/default.asp.

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