



CORONAVIRUS/COVID-19

KEEPING GARDENA SAFE



CITY MANAGER UPDATE

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THE LATEST NEWS IN GARDENA

The City of Gardena is currently in Stage 3 of reopening. Please see Page 8 for more information or visit the Business Resource Portal at <http://www.gardenaawaits.com/covid-19-resource-guide/>.

The City has launched a small business grant program to bring much need relief to businesses that have been negatively impacted by COVID-19. All applications must be submitted by July 17, 2020. For more information, visit <http://www.cityofgardena.org/gardena-business-assistance-program/> or email us at economicdevelopment@cityofgardena.org.

As always, please continue practicing the protective actions to slow the spread of COVID-19 in our community. Continue to practice physical distancing, wear face coverings in public, frequently wash your hands, regularly clean common areas and frequently touched surfaces, and stay home if you are sick or feel unwell.

For the most up to date information, tune in to Spectrum Channel 3 or Channel 22 or visit our website: <https://www.cityofgardena.org/coronavirus-covid-19/>. You may also contact the Emergency Operations Center at (310) 217-9583 or EOC@cityofgardena.org.

Sincerely,

Clint Osorio
City Manager

APPOINTMENT ONLY FREE COVID-19 TESTING

GENERAL PUBLIC

All LA County Residents that are interested in being tested should first contact their Primary Care Provider or health plan about how to access testing. Testing is currently prioritized for residents with symptoms, such as fever, cough, and shortness of breath. Anyone with COVID-19 symptoms can now book a same or next day appointment.

FRONT LINE WORKERS

FREE testing is also available for any workers in the following categories, with or without symptoms of COVID-19:

- First Responders
- Critical Government Personnel
- Health Care Professionals
- Grocery Workers
- Delivery, Ride-share, and Public Transit Drivers
- Credentialed Members of the Media
- Construction Workers

If you are a critical worker in one of these categories, please visit https://lacovidprod.service-now.com/rrs_first_responders to schedule an appointment. If you are not sure whether you qualify, ask your employer for further information.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- To confirm eligibility and search testing appointment availability, please visit this website <https://lacovidprod.service-now.com/rrs>
- You may also call (213) 473-3231 or 2-1-1 to ask any additional questions

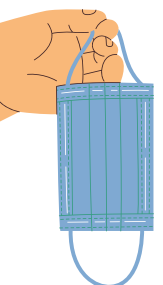
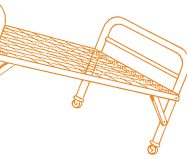
If you are experiencing severe symptoms such as severe shortness of breath, contact your physician. If it is an emergency, dial 911.

REPORT ILLEGAL FIREWORK ACTIVITY

To report illegal firework activity, please contact the Gardena Police Department at (310) 323-7911 or submit a report on Gardena Direct.

- Safe and Sane fireworks can only be used in the City of Gardena on Saturday, July 4, 2020 from 12:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- **All other fireworks are illegal**
- No one under 18 years of age can use Safe and Sane fireworks without adult supervision and only on 4th of July (GMC 8.16.30)
- **The possession of illegal fireworks will lead to prosecution**





HOMELESS SHELTER REFERRALS

The City of Los Angeles opened thousands of emergency shelter beds to help get the homeless Angelenos indoors more quickly. As of March 31, there are 13 emergency shelters at recreation centers across the City. In addition, many winter shelter programs will remain open until September 30, 2020. **You can visit www.lahsa.org or call the Winter Shelter Hotline at 1 (800) 548-6047 (available 24-hours, 7 days a week).**

If you, or someone you know, are in need of outreach services, please visit <https://www.lahsa.org/portal/apps/la-hop/> or call 211. LA-HOP is designed to assist people experiencing homelessness in Los Angeles County with outreach services.

FACIAL COVERING REQUIRED

As of April 11, 2020, Gardena residents and visitors are required to wear face coverings that cover the nose and mouth while in public. Face coverings can be non-medical grade cloth coverings, including scarves and bandanas

The original Emergency Order was amended during the City Council Meeting on April 28, 2020, allowing individuals that are driving or riding in a vehicle alone or with other members of their household to do so without face coverings. The revised Order is available on our website: <https://www.cityofgardena.org/covid-042920-afco>

Individuals are required to wear face coverings while at any essential business, traveling to and from essential businesses or services and while out in public. Please be advised that face coverings are to be used in addition to physical distancing and frequent handwashing.

Refer to LA County's Guidance for information on how to safely use and care for cloth face coverings. Check your local retailers and pharmacies to purchase cloth face coverings. CDC has also provided instructions on how to make your own cloth face covering at home on their website.



*The City of Gardena is with you.
We are better together !
-Mayor Tasha Cerda*

TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON EVICTIONS

On March 26, 2020, the City Council adopted Urgency Ordinance No. 1819, establishing a temporary moratorium on the eviction of residential and commercial tenants who are unable to pay rent due to the impacts of COVID-19.

To take advantage of the protections provided in Urgency Ordinance No. 1819, residential and commercial tenants are required to do the following within 30 days after the rent is due:

- Notify the landlord in writing of the substantial COVID-19 related financial impacts
- Provide documentation in writing establishing substantial COVID-19 related financial impacts
- Pay the portion of rent that the tenant is able to pay

Please keep in mind that a landlord may not evict a tenant if the tenant has done any of the following:

- Rent is overdue for a period of 30 days or less and the tenant notified the landlord as required by this ordinance
- Rent is overdue for a period of 31 days or more and the tenant complies with both requirements of this ordinance

If the tenant fails to provide the information in writing within the 30-day period, the landlord has the right to proceed with the eviction process. Please be advised that this ordinance does not intend to waive a tenant's obligation to pay back rent owed once this ordinance is no longer effective. If a tenant still has the means to pay rent, then they are expected to do so. A tenant will have up to 120 days after the expiration of this ordinance to pay the unpaid rent that is due. If you have any questions regarding Urgency Ordinance No. 1819, please call (310) 217-9503.

CRISIS HOTLINES

During a crisis, talk to people and agencies that you can trust. Please see the list of phone hotlines that you can call during this pandemic.

AGENCY

Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health:

Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA):

Didi Hirsch Suicide Prevention Hotline:

Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration:

Los Angeles AA Online Meetings:

National Hotline for Domestic Violence:

Los Angeles Based Domestic Violence Hotlines:

Los Angeles LGBTQ Center:

Crisis Text Line:

Child Protective Hotline:

Emergency:

HOTLINE

(800) 854-7771

(213) 683-3333

(800) 273-8255

(800) 662-4357

www.lacoaa.org

(800) 799-7233

(213) 745-6434 (Español)

(213) 222-1237 (24-Hr)

(310) 547-9343 (24-Hr)

(800) 978-3600 (24-Hr)

(323) 993-7670

Text "HOME" to 741741

(800) 540-4000

911





FIND LOCAL CHILD CARE

California Governor Gavin Newsom announced a new portal to help parents, including essential workers and vulnerable families, find safe, reliable and accessible child care options.



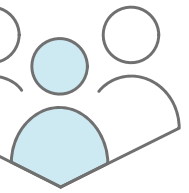
The new portal is available at covid19.ca.gov/childcare and enables parents to enter their location and the type of care they need, instantly receiving a list of local center-based and family child care programs. The list of open licensed child care programs will include health and safety information, age of children accepted, capacity, availability, hours, and contact information for the program and local Child Care Resource and Referral agency.

Questions? Please call 1-800-KIDS-793 (available in English or Spanish).



CENSUS 2020

It is critical that every California household participates in the Census. It determines how billions of dollars of federal funding are distributed to states each year.

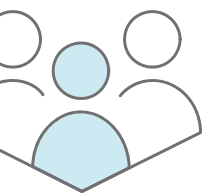


Participating in the 2020 Census will benefit:

- Planning and Funding for Healthcare
- Planning and Funding for Education
- Planning and Funding for infrastructure



Make sure you are counted in Gardena! Complete your 2020 Census today online, over the phone or by mail. For more information, please visit <https://my2020census.gov/>



SHAPE YOUR FUTURE, BE COUNTED!

FOOD ASSISTANCE RESOURCES

LA COUNTY FOOD RESOURCES : COVID-19 RESPONSE

LA County has created a webpage that will allow you to locate food resources near you, please visit <https://food-resources-lacounty.hub.arcgis.com/>.

LOCAL FOOD ASSISTANCE LOCATIONS

The City of Gardena has also created a list of local organizations that are assisting the community with food donations. Please call (310) 217-9574 or visit <https://www.cityofgardena.org/available-resources/>.

PHARMACEUTICAL DELIVERIES

To extend a helping hand, the following local pharmacies are offering delivery services for residents. Please be advised that each pharmacy may have additional requirements and you should call them for any additional questions.

PHARMACY

PHONE

CVS - (Western Ave. & Redondo Beach Blvd.)
Meiji Pharmacy - (1630 W Redondo Beach Blvd. Ste 14)
Rite Aid - (Redondo Beach Blvd. & Budlong Ave.)
Walgreens - (Normandie Ave. & Redondo Beach Blvd.)

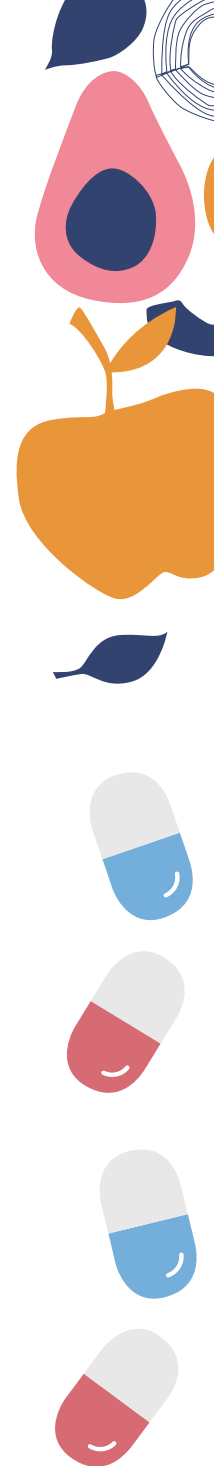
(310) 538-3131
(310) 538-2885
(310) 323-4768
(310) 353-5726



Staff enjoying the Graduation Station Event



City Council at the Father's Day Giveaway for seniors



LOCAL HEROES

The City of Gardena would like to thank our Local Heroes that have donated food, personal protective equipment and sanitary supplies:

- California Office of Emergency Services
- Councilmember Kaskanian
- Former Councilmember Dan Medina
- Dean Mathowoetz
- Eatalian Café & Principe Italian Cured Meats
- Gardena Police Foundation
- Global Agri-Trade Corporation
- King's Hawaiian
- Little Company of Mary
- Mychal's Learning Place
- PBK America Inc. dba Cotton Theory
- Russ International
- Kandace Kuwahara
- Skechers
- Sono Disinfecting Wipes
- The Chemical Guys
- Tony Fu (LAHSA)
- Gina Alexander
- YMCA
- Pacific Metals Trading, Inc.
- Nissin Foods
- COBAN Technologies
- Community Worship Center
- Los Angeles Police Federal Credit Union
- Pentecostal Missionary Church of Christ (4th Watch) South Bay

Their generosity helps the City better serve our community by ensuring we are equipped to continue our essential services. The City really appreciates their consideration of our employees, residents and business owners. Thank you all again for your continued selfless acts!

If you are interested in making a donation, please contact our Emergency Operations Center at EOC@cityofgardena.org.

STAY CONNECTED

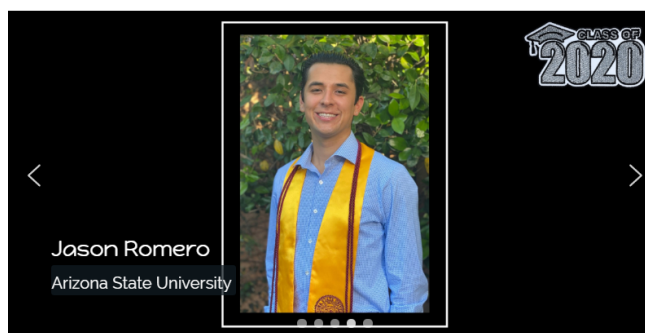
Gardena has launched a community-based webpage that highlights citywide activities, selfless acts, and individual milestones.

Stay Connected and visit: <https://www.cityofgardena.org/stay-connected/>

Calling all 2020 graduates! Do you want to be featured on the Stay Connected webpage? Please send your Name, School and Grad Photos to:

EOC@cityofgardena.org

We want to share your accomplishments with our community!



Example - Congrats Jason!

CITY OF GARDENA COVID-19 BUSINESS RESOURCE PORTAL

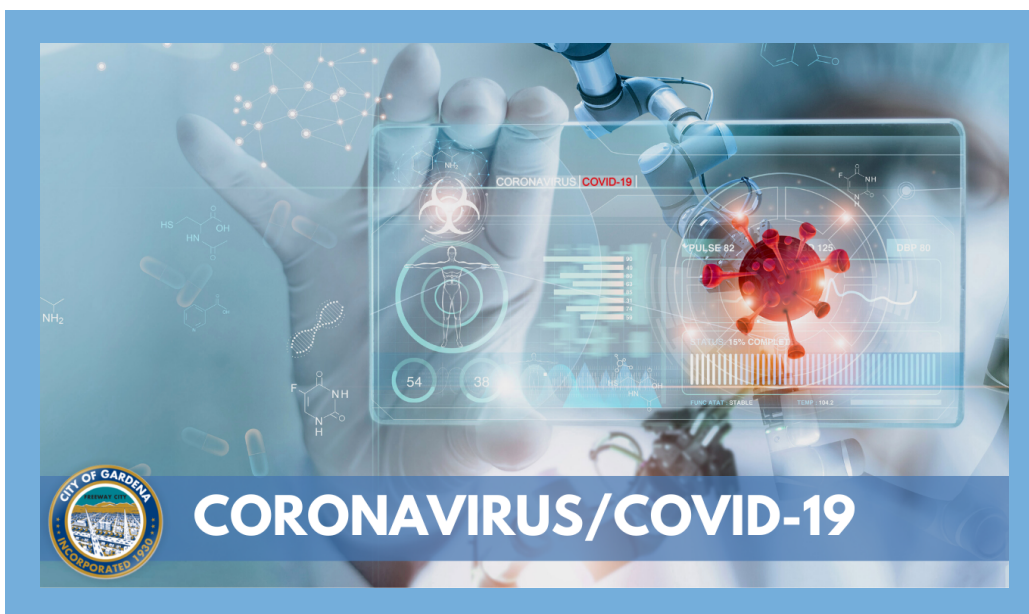
The City of Gardena's Economic Development Division is very pleased to release a COVID-19 Business Resource Portal to support our business community. It is a top priority for our team to support our businesses with updated resources such as: Financial Assistance, Grants, Loans, Workforce Resources, as well as Public Health and Safety updates.

Our COVID-19 Business Resource Portal can be found on our Economic Development website. Please visit: <http://www.gardenaawaits.com/covid-19-resourceguide/>.

You can find the following on the COVID-19 Business Resource Portal:

- Weekly Video Updates from: City Manager Clint Osorio, Chief of Police Michael Saffell, and Mayor Tasha Cerda
- Information on Public Health & Safety
- Financial Assistance
- Grants & Loans
- Workforce Resources
- Regional & State Resources
- City of Gardena Commercial Tenant Protection Ordinance

If you have any questions, please contact the City's Economic Development Manager, Mr. Spencer Dela Cruz at sdelacruz@ciytofgardena.org or (310) 217-9533.





REOPENING GUIDELINES

The City of Gardena has developed Reopening Guidelines to provide our community with a comprehensive framework to steadily reopen with necessary and required adaptations. The primary goal of Gardena's gradual reopening plan is to minimize the risk of transmission of COVID-19 and prevent a potential resurgence of this infection in our community.



The City will continue to follow LA County Department of Public Health's Roadmap to Recovery. As of Monday, June 22, 2020, the City of Gardena is in Stage 3 of reopening. Several business sectors are permitted to open with required adaptations of their unique services, physical distancing, and proper sanitation protocols in place. The following businesses must remain closed at this time:

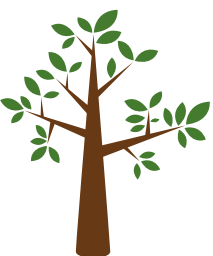


- Lounges and nightclubs
- Public entertainment venues: Movie theaters, live performance theaters, concert venues, theme parks and festivals
- Family entertainment centers: Bowling alleys, arcades, miniature golf and batting cages
- Indoor or outdoor playgrounds for children, except those located within a school or childcare center
- Hot tubs, steam rooms and saunas not located on a residential property
- All events and gatherings unless specifically allowed by the LACDPH Health Officer Order



All businesses that are permitted to reopen must post the signage provided by the City and prepare, implement and post the required protocols from LA County Department of Public Health prior to reopening.

For more details, please contact us at (310) 217-9583 or visit the Business Resource Portal at <http://www.gardenaawaits.com/covid-19-resourceguide/>.



GARDENA PARKS

Gardena Parks are open during regular park hours for activities such as walking, running, and tennis only. Tennis courts are open with required adaptations on weekdays from 7:00am to 10:00am and 3:00pm to 8:00pm and weekends from 10:00am to 4:00pm.



Playgrounds, other sports courts, and skate parks remain closed at this time. All City Park visitors must wear face coverings and adhere to physical distancing protocols.

CITY OF GARDENA SERVICES

Administrative Services Department

- Administrative Services Phone and Email
Email: Rbeeman@cityofgardena.org
Phone: (310) 217-9516
- Business License Renewals/Utility Users
Tax/Transit Occupancy
Email: Rbeeman@cityofgardena.org
Phone: (310) 217-9516
- Accounts Payable
Email: AP@cityofgardena.org
Phone: (310) 217-9516

Community Development Department

- CDD Main Line and Email
Email: CommunityDevelopment@cityofgardena.org
Phone: (310) 217-9530
- Planning & Zoning Division
Email: CDDPlanningandZoning@cityofgardena.org
Phone: (310) 217-9524
- Building & Safety Division
Email: CDDBuildingServices@cityofgardena.org
Phone: (310) 217-9530
- Business Licensing Division
Email: CDDLICENSEandPermitCenter@cityofgardena.org
Phone: (310) 217-9518
- Code Enforcement/Animal Control Division
Email: PDCodeEnforcement@cityofgardena.org
Phone: (310) 217-6171
- Pet Licensing/Animal Control Division
Email: PetLicensing@cityofgardena.org
Phone: (310) 217-9645
- Inspection Line
Phone: (310) 217-9510

Elected and Administrative Offices

- City Council Office
Email: CityCouncil@cityofgardena.org
Phone: (310) 217-9507
- City Clerk's Office
Email: CityClerk@cityofgardena.org
Phone: (310) 217-9565
- City Manager's Office
Email: CityManager@cityofgardena.org
Phone: (310) 217-9503
- City Treasurer's Office
Email: CityTreasurer@cityofgardena.org
Phone: (310) 217-9664

Economic Development Division

Email: economicdevelopment@cityofgardena.org
Phone: (310) 217-9533

Risk Management Division

Email: riskmanagement@cityofgardena.org
Phone: (310) 217-9505

Police Department

- Emergency: 911
- Non-Emergency
Phone: (310) 323-7911
- Main Line/Records and Website
Phone: (310) 217-9670
Website: www.gardenapd.org
- Detective Bureau
Phone: (310) 217-9607

Public Works Department

- Public Works Main Line
Phone: (310) 217-9568
- Public Works Maintenance Services
Email: pwmaintenance@cityofgardena.org
Phone: (310) 217-9568
- Engineering General Services
Email: pwengineering@cityofgardena.org
Phone: (310) 217-9568
- Engineering Services Utilities/Permit
Email: JEspinoza@cityofgardena.org or
pwengineering@cityofgardena.org
Phone: (310) 217-9644 or (310) 217-9568
- CDBG Home Improvement Program
Email: KNguyen@cityofgardena.org or
rgray@cityofgardena.org
Phone: (310) 217-9572

Recreation and Human Services Department

- Human Services Division
Email: humanservices@cityofgardena.org
Phone: (310) 217-9574
- Recreation Division
Email: recreation@cityofgardena.org
Phone: (310) 217-9537
- Senior Bureau
Email: seniors@cityofgardena.org
Phone: (310) 217-9552

Transportation Department

- Transportation Main Line and Website
Website: <http://ridegtrans.com/>
Phone: (310) 965-8888



*Please continue to take care of
yourself and stay healthy.*

-Mayor Tasha Cerda