



CORONAVIRUS/COVID-19

KEEPING GARDENA SAFE



CITY MANAGER UPDATE

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THE LATEST NEWS IN GARDENA

To ensure our residents can celebrate Halloween in accordance with existing health regulations, the City will be hosting a Drive-Thru Halloween Route on Friday, October 30, 2020 beginning at 6:30pm. For more information, please see Page 2.



For the most up to date information visit our [website](#). You may also contact the Emergency Operations Center at (310) 217-9583 or EOC@cityofgardena.org.

Sincerely,

Clint Osorio
City Manager

TASHA CERDA, Mayor / MARK E. HENDERSON, Mayor Pro Tem
PAULETTE C. FRANCIS, Councilmember / ART KASKANIAN, Councilmember / RODNEY G. TANAKA, Councilmember
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HEALTH OFFICER ORDER REGULATIONS

The State's new [tier framework](#) for reducing COVID-19 is based on each County's rate of new cases and positivity. Counties are required to remain in an assigned tier for at least three weeks before moving forward and must meet the next tier's criteria for two consecutive weeks. LA County is currently in Tier 1, indicating the transmission of COVID-19 is still widespread.

The City will continue to follow LA County Department of Public Health's Roadmap to Recovery. Hair salons and barbershops are now permitted to reopen indoor services at 25% maximum capacity. The following businesses **must close their indoor operations**:

- All restaurants for indoor, onsite dining
- Cardrooms, satellite wagering facilities, and racetrack onsite wagering facilities
- Indoor portions and exhibits of museums, zoos, and aquariums
- Fitness facilities
- Non-essential office-based businesses
- Places of worship
- Personal care establishments: nail salons, tanning salons, esthetician, skin care, cosmetology services, electrology, body art professionals, tattoo parlors, piercing shops, and massage therapy
- Indoor malls and shopping centers

The following businesses **must remain closed at this time**:

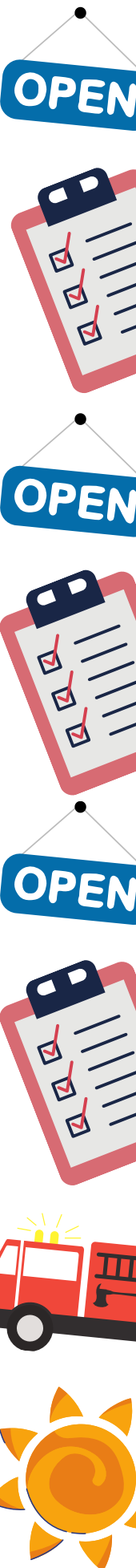
- Lounges and nightclubs
- Bars, breweries, tasting rooms, craft distilleries, and wineries
- Brewpubs, craft distilleries, breweries and wineries that are exempt from the definition of a food facility by California Health and Safety Code Section 113789(c) (5), and do not hold a health permit for preparing and serving food on site
- 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 Health Officer Order

For details, please contact us at (310) 217-9583 or visit the [Business Resource Portal](#).

HEAT AND FIRE RESOURCES

To help beat the heat, several cooling centers across LA County are open to the public in accordance with the current Health Officer Order. For a list of locations and hours, visit ready.lacounty.gov/heat.

As high temperatures continue to impact LA County, emergency agencies are urging all LA County residents to increase their wildfire awareness and readiness. LA County Fire Department offers the [Ready! Set! Go!](#) program to provide residents with readiness and evacuation information. For more information, visit fire.lacounty.gov or ready.lacounty.gov.



TEMPORARY PRIVATE PROPERTY OUTDOOR DINING PROGRAM

In an effort to keep our local eateries open, the City of Gardena has established a Temporary Private Property Outdoor Dining Program, allowing eating establishments to facilitate outdoor dining areas on private property. All eating establishments that are legally allowed to serve food in a sit-down format are encouraged to apply. The application is available on our [website](#).

For more information, please contact the Community Development Department at (310) 217-9524 or tempdining@cityofgardena.org.

Wondering which restaurants are participating? Visit our interactive [Outdoor Dining Map](#)! Follow [@dine_gardena](#) on Instagram for updates and photos of our restaurants.



Happa Restaurant



Painter's Tape

CELEBRATING HALLOWEEN

On September 9, 2020, LA County Department of Public Health released guidance for celebrating Halloween in accordance with existing health regulations. Gatherings, events, and parties with non-household members are not permitted at this time. Carnivals, festivals, live entertainment, and haunted house attractions are prohibited.

Door to door trick-or-treating and trunk-or-treating is not recommended due to the difficulty of maintaining physical distancing and ensuring infection control protocols. For more information, please visit their [website](#).

To ensure our residents are able to celebrate safely, the City will be hosting a Drive-Thru Halloween Route to pick up tricks or treats on Friday, October 30, 2020 beginning at 6:30pm. Our Graveyard of Goodies include City Hall Complex, Freeman Park, Johnson Park, Mas Fukai Park, and Rowley Park. To comply with health regulations, no walk-ups will be allowed and face coverings are required. For details, please contact us at (310) 217-9537.

GARDENA PARKS

Gardena Parks are open during regular park hours for activities such as walking, running, and tennis. [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.

[Baseball and softball fields](#) are also open for youth sports only upon reservation with required adaptations. The fields are available on weekdays from 4:30pm to 6:00pm and 6:00pm to 7:30pm. 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.

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 offered by LA County is currently prioritized for residents with symptoms identified by CDC. Testing priority is also given to people working or living in places such as skilled nursing facilities, group homes, and residential care facilities, persons experiencing homelessness, and people who were in close contact with someone with COVID-19.

FRONT LINE WORKERS

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

- Healthcare
- Emergency Services
- Food and grocery
- Retail or manufacturing
- Public transportation
- Education

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Immigration status, insurance status, age, and underlying health issues do not affect eligibility for a COVID-19 test.

To confirm eligibility and search testing appointment locations and availability, visit <https://covid19.lacounty.gov/testing/> or <https://la.fulgentgenetics.com/appointment/screen/landing>.

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.





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/>.

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.

PHARMACEUTICAL DELIVERIES

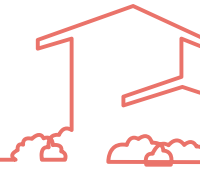
To extend a helping hand, the following local pharmacies are offering delivery services for residents. Please be advised that each pharmacy may have additional requirements and you should call them for any additional questions.

PHARMACY

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.)

PHONE

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



RECREATION HIGHLIGHTS

Jazz Festival 2020

In celebration of the annual Gardena Jazz Festival, the Recreation and Human Services Department released a video on August 23, 2020 that reflects on the past 17 years.

A special thanks to Senator Steven Bradford and the Jazz Committee for sharing their best memories of the event! We are looking forward to 2021.

To access the video, please visit our [YouTube Channel](#).

Celebrating 90 Years

Gardena is turning 90! Join us on Saturday, September 12, 2020 from 11:30am to 1:30pm for a Drive-Thru Block Party in front of City Hall. There will be music, entertainment, giveaways, and more!

Bring nine cans of food to win a limited edition mask! All donations will go to our City's Food Pantry to help those in need.



Wine Down Wednesdays

In place of this year's Food, Wine, and Brew event, the City will be having raffles every Wednesday in September. All proceeds will go towards our Senior Alzheimer's Day Care Center and Senior Program. Purchase a raffle ticket for a chance to win a wine basket and support a great cause!

You can purchase a raffle ticket online via our new online platform: <https://secure.rec1.com/CA/gardena-ca/catalog> or scan the QR code below.

Raffles will be held live on Facebook at 5:00pm every Wednesday in September. Thank you for your continued support and hope you can join us for our Food, Wine and Brew event in 2021!



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: PDCCodeEnforcement@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