



CORONAVIRUS/COVID-19

KEEPING GARDENA SAFE



CITY MANAGER UPDATE

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THE LATEST NEWS IN GARDENA

Effective Monday, November 16, 2020, playgrounds at Mas Fukai Park, Rowley Park, Freeman Park, and Johnson Park will reopen during regular park hours. No more than 15 people are allowed on the playground at any given time, and all patrons are required to wear a face covering and practice physical distancing.

Over the last few weeks, Los Angeles County has been experiencing a surge in COVID-19 transmission. As we head into the holiday season, please continue to do your part and 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, please visit our [website](#). You may also contact the Emergency Operations Center at (310) 217-9583 or EOC@cityofgardena.org.

Sincerely,

Clint Osorio
City Manager

HEALTH OFFICER ORDER REGULATIONS

The State's [tier framework](#) for reducing COVID-19 is based on each County's rate of new cases, positivity rate, and health equity metric. 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.

Effective October 23, 2020, the LA County Health Officer Order allows several business sectors to reopen with required adaptations. The following businesses **must close their indoor operations**:

- All restaurants, breweries, and wineries for indoor, onsite dining
- Cardrooms, satellite wagering facilities, and racetrack onsite wagering facilities
- Indoor portions and exhibits of museums, zoos, and aquariums
- Fitness facilitiesNon-essential office-based businesses
- Places of worship

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

- Lounges and nightclubs
- Bars and craft distilleries that possess a valid low-risk restaurant permit issued by LA County
- Public entertainment venues: movie theaters, live performance theaters, concert venues, theme parks and festivals
- Family entertainment centers: bowling alleys, arcades, laser tag, roller skating, ice skating
- Indoor 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](#).

HAVE CONCERNS RELATED TO COVID-19?

In an effort to better address questions and concerns related to COVID-19, the City created a COVID-19 request option through Gardena Direct. To access Gardena Direct, simply visit our [website](#) or download the Gardena Direct App. If you're new to Gardena Direct, watch this short [video](#) for a step by step tutorial on how to submit a request.

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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.



GARDENA RESTAURANT WEEK

The City of Gardena's Economic Development Department kicked off the 2nd Annual Restaurant Week on Sunday, November 8, 2020. Gardena Restaurant Week is a promotion event that showcases the diverse cuisine that Gardena has to offer.

During Restaurant Week, participating restaurants offer special deals, such as a percentage discount, a free drink, or a free dessert. Diners also have a chance to win a gift certificate to one of Gardena's finest restaurants! To enter the raffle, patrons must snap a photo of their food or receipt at any Gardena restaurant and send it to [@dine_gardena](#) on Instagram.

To encourage the community to explore outdoor dining options, the Economic Development Department has put together a video series to showcase how five Gardena restaurants have adapted to COVID-19. The videos are available on [@dine_gardena](#)'s Instagram page and our [YouTube page](#).

Restaurant Week ends on November 14, 2020. For more information and a list of participating restaurants, visit our [website](#).

GARDENA PARKS

Gardena Parks are open during regular park hours for activities such as walking and running. [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. Effective October 19, 2020, reservations will be required and doubles will be allowed.

[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. To make a reservation, please visit cityofgardena.org/events.

Skateparks are now open with required adaptations. Playgrounds are scheduled to reopen at Mas Fukai Park, Rowley Park, Freeman Park, and Johnson Park on Monday, November 16, 2020. Other sports courts remain closed at this time. All City Park visitors must wear face coverings and adhere to physical distancing protocols.

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.

As of September 30, 2020, the City's Residential Eviction Moratorium is no longer in effect. Gardena residential tenants are now protected under the State's [COVID-19 Tenant Relief Act of 2020](#), which prohibits the eviction of residents due to non-payment of rent or other charges between September 1, 2020 and January 31, 2021. Residents must do both of the following:

- Provide the landlord with a declaration stating their finances have been negatively affected by the COVID-19 pandemic (and documentation, if required for a high-income resident)
- By January 31, 2021, pay 25% of the rental payments due between September 1, 2020 and January 31, 2021 that were missed due to COVID-19 related financial distress.

On September 23, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-80-20, extending commercial protections set forth in previous Executive Orders through March 31, 2021. Following the State's authorization, the City of Gardena's [Commercial Eviction Moratorium](#) will remain in place until March 31, 2021. If you have any questions regarding Urgency Ordinance No. 1819, please call (310) 217-9503.





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*

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.

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

Veterans Day Service

On Wednesday, November 11, 2020, the City hosted its 51st Annual Veterans Day Service & Drive-Thru Event to honor military veterans and active personnel. The City provided care packages to 150 veterans. Thank you to Gardena Elks Lodge 1919, VFW Post 1961, VFW Posts 3261, and Ladies Auxillaries for co-sponsoring the event!



Holiday Festivities

The City of Gardena will be hosting its **Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony** and its first ever **Festival of Lights** on December 4-5, 2020 from 5:00pm to 9:00pm. The event will take place at the City Hall Complex. Get your free tickets online at [cityofgardena.org.eventbrite.com](https://cityofgardena.org/eventbrite.com).

In partnership with the Gardena Beautification Committee, the City of Gardena invites you to participate in the City's **Holiday Home Decorating Contest!** All winners will receive a special yard sign, gift certificate, and recognition during the January City Council Meeting.

To register for the contest, email your name, address, and photo of your decorated home to gardenaevents@cityofgardena.org. The deadline to register is Friday, December 11, 2020.

CITY OF GARDENA SERVICES

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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
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Phone: (310) 217-9565
- City Manager's Office
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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



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