



# The Week in Review

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## Upcoming Events

**Tuesday, June 2**  
**Parks, Beaches & Recreation Commission**  
City Hall, City Council Chambers  
100 Civic Center Drive  
6 p.m.  
[\(See agenda for instructions on how to participate\)](#)

**Thursday, June 4**  
**Finance Committee**  
City Hall, City Council Chambers  
100 Civic Center Drive  
3 – 5 p.m.  
[\(See agenda for instructions on how to participate\)](#)

**Thursday, June 4**  
**Planning Commission Meeting**  
City Hall, City Council Chambers  
100 Civic Center Drive  
6:30 p.m.  
[\(See agenda for instructions on how to participate\)](#)

**Friday, June 5**  
**Monthly Test of City's Outdoor Notification System**  
12 p.m.

## To Our Community:

Newport Beach's restaurants began reopening for modified dine-in service this week, and retail stores began welcoming customers for in-person shopping, after Governor Newsom approved Orange County's variance plan last week.

The governor's [variance criteria](#) allows counties that meet certain health and safety benchmarks to reopen more quickly.

On Tuesday, the Newport Beach City Council approved an emergency ordinance authorizing our Community Development department to grant emergency temporary use permits to local businesses that will allow the use of private property, parking lots, sidewalks and public property for expanded operations.

We have already approved permits for restaurants that meet the State public health requirements. For more information on the "Back to Business" initiative and applications visit [www.newportbeachca.gov/backtobusiness](http://www.newportbeachca.gov/backtobusiness).

Beginning next week (June 1), City Hall will reopen for all public services. Strict social distancing practices are in place to prevent the spread of COVID-19. All members of the public visiting City Hall are required to wear a face covering, and the number of people entering the building is being limited and managed by City staff.

City libraries, the OASIS Senior Center and community centers will remain closed until further notice.

Street sweeping enforcement will resume June 15, after a temporary suspension in March as part of the COVID-19 response. After two months, the street and gutter build-up of trash and debris has become noticeable on many streets.

We recognize that parking is a challenge in many neighborhoods. However, street sweeping is an essential service that removes debris from the streets and keeps pollutants from entering the ocean and waterways. City crews have been regularly picking up

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trash and hand sweeping gutters, but cannot match the effectiveness of machine sweeping.

Meanwhile, City beaches are open for “active recreational use” under an agreement with the State. You can find more information on [permitted uses on the City website](#). Parking lots and public restrooms are open, and the Peninsula Boardwalk and Balboa Pier are open. The Newport Pier remains closed.

### **COVID-19 News and Resources**

Please visit [newportbeachca.gov/covid19](http://newportbeachca.gov/covid19) for the latest City news and useful web resources, including information about the federal, state, and county resources available to help [small businesses](#) and [workers](#) that have been financially impacted. We also have a [page of free resources](#) available through the Newport Beach Public Library and local organizations like SCORE, including online learning and business databases. Visit the [Orange County Health Care Agency's COVID-19](#) web page for countywide information, including the number of local cases. You can also follow the City on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#), and look for alerts from our City staff on [Nextdoor](#).

### **COVID-19 Cases in Newport Beach**

The County of Orange posts reported COVID-19 cases by city at: <http://www.ochealthinfo.com/novelcoronavirus>.

The number as of May 29, 2020 is 142 cases in Newport Beach out of 5,923 cases total in Orange County. The County has also begun listing the number of COVID-19 recoveries; the number is 2,358 as of May 29.

Fortunately, Newport Beach cases have flattened, with only slight day-to-day increases, over the past several weeks.

### **OC COVID-19 Screening and Testing Network**

The Orange County Health Care Agency maintains a growing list of FDA-approved testing sites for County residents who are showing symptoms of COVID-19. If you are showing symptoms, please contact your healthcare provider for testing information first. If you do not have a healthcare provider, visit <https://occovid19.ochealthinfo.com/covid-19-testing-and-screening> for testing information. The SOS Health Center in Newport Beach is an approved community testing site. Call (949) 270-2100 for an appointment

Newport Beach works in partnership with the County of Orange and its testing, tracking and contact tracing program. This coordinated, centralized approach under County oversight is an effective way to monitor and control the spread of the coronavirus in our communities.

### **Homelessness Update**

Addressing homelessness continues to be a priority in the City's ongoing COVID-19 response, working closely with contractor City Net and regional partners throughout the county and state. Recently, people in Newport Beach experiencing homelessness have been placed in motels through Project Roomkey, a state initiative to provide shelter during COVID-19. Newport Beach staff and City Net staff are collaborating with the Illumination Foundation, a local non-profit agency working with the state to implement Project Roomkey.

#### **Success Stories:**

- Enrolled two individuals experiencing homelessness in Newport Beach into Project Roomkey.

- Helped a family living in their vehicle near the Newport Pier move to a hotel room through Project Roomkey.
- Referred a man at the Newport Transportation Center into Project Roomkey.
- Referred a man staying near the Newport Pier into a sober living home operated by Project Kinship. Project Kinship, established in 2014, provides support and training for people impacted by incarceration, gangs, and violence.
- Collaborated with the County of Orange's Crisis Assessment Team (CAT) to place a woman into treatment for behavioral health needs and family reunification. The CAT provides 24-hour mobile response services and may be contacted at (866) 830-6011.
- Helped several people apply for a State-issued Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) cards and coordinated transportation for essential appointments. The EBT system is used in California for the delivery, redemption, and reconciliation of issued public assistance benefits, such as CalFresh, CalWORKs, and other food and cash aid benefits. Established in 2004, EBT provides up to \$125 a person a month to purchase food.
- Provided hygiene kits, food packs, clothes and supportive services for clients.
- Followed up with a newly housed veteran and provided a welcome basket of home goods.

The City Net hotline number is (714) 451-6198. Those who call the hotline may leave a detailed voicemail message for themselves or others in need and City Net staff will respond within 48 hours. For immediate assistance call the County's Crisis Prevention Hotline at (877) 7-CRISIS or (877) 727-4747. To enroll in Project Roomkey, call (714) 834-3000.

### **Back to Business Program**

On Tuesday, May 26, 2020, City Council approved an emergency ordinance for the Back to Business program that allows commercial businesses and religious institutions to utilize private and public property beyond their existing business footprint for adequate social distancing. The program allows for expedited processing for physical improvements such as take-out windows, curbside pick-up, vehicle and pedestrian queuing, and expanded outdoor dining/seating areas. Approvals will be authorized through a no fee temporary use permit program issued by the Community Development Director and will be effective until 14 days after the City's COVID-19 emergency ordinance is lifted. For more information and to submit an application, refer to the Back to Business webpage at [www.newportbeachca.gov/backtobusiness](http://www.newportbeachca.gov/backtobusiness).

### **Treasury Report Update**

The April 2020 Treasury Report is available on the City's website at: [www.newportbeachca.gov/treasury](http://www.newportbeachca.gov/treasury).

As of April, the City's portfolio totaled just over \$324 million, from all sources. Roughly \$92 million of this portfolio was highly liquid, meaning it was available for cash flows associated with day-to-day operations and cash funding of major construction expenditures.

The short-term portfolio (\$213 million) had a weighted average effective maturity of 2.02 years. The trailing twelve months' total return was 5.13%. Our benchmark for the same period, the BAML 1-3 Year Treasury index, returned 5.25%. The income yield on the portfolio, a better measure of income derived from the portfolio, was 2.21%.

