



The Week in Review

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July 17, 2020

Upcoming Events

[City Council Nomination Period](#)
July 13 – August 7 @ 4:30 p.m.

Monday, July 20
Board of Library Trustees
City Hall, City Council Chambers
100 Civic Center Drive
([See agenda for instructions on how to participate](#))
5 p.m.

Wednesday, July 22
Newport Beach Restaurant Association BID Meeting
([See Agenda for instructions on how to participate](#))
9:30 a.m.

Thursday, July 23
CdM BID Board Meeting
([See agenda for instructions on how to participate](#))
7:30 a.m.

Thursday, July 23
Planning Commission Meeting
City Hall, City Council Chambers
100 Civic Center Dr.
([See agenda for instructions on how to participate](#))
6:30 p.m.

Community members,

On Monday, July 13, Governor Newsom announced the closure of several business and industry sectors that had been allowed to open just a few weeks ago. This decision was based on a rapid increase in case numbers and hospitalizations in many areas of the state.

Newsom ordered the statewide closures of all indoor operations at restaurants, wineries and tasting rooms, movie theaters, family entertainment centers, zoos and museums and cardrooms. Some of these businesses can remain open for outdoor service where possible.

Also, counties on the state's [County Monitoring List](#) (which includes Orange County) were ordered to close additional industries, including gyms and fitness centers, places of worship, offices for non-critical sectors, personal care services (including hair and nail salons, massage and tattoo shops) and malls. With the fast-changing nature of these orders, keeping track of what is open and closed can be a challenge. For a more detailed status on local sectors and activities in Newport Beach, please see [this FAQ document](#), updated on July 16.

The City Council this week adopted new regulations that will allow more oversight of Newport Beach's short-term rental housing.

The new regulations include a prohibition on short-term rentals to anyone under 21 years of age, maximum occupancy limits based on existing Building and Fire Codes, and a requirement that owners provide an emergency, 24-hour contact person who can respond to complaints within 30 minutes.

For more information on the new regulations, [click here](#).

Rental owner/operators and visitors are encouraged to check the City web site [at this link](#) for further updates.

Visit the City's website for a complete listing of meetings and events at newportbeachca.gov/events.

COVID-19 Cases in Newport Beach

The number of COVID-19 cases in Newport Beach as of July 16 was 668 and the total cases in Orange County was 27,904. The

number of recovered COVID-19 patients countywide as of July 16 was 12,264.

Statewide there has been a steady increase in the number of new cases, hospitalizations and ICU hospitalizations. While the State and County are now better prepared to handle the increase – and currently have adequate hospital capacity, ventilators and PPE available – the upward trend is concerning. The Governor and health officials continue to strongly emphasize the necessity of proper social distancing, the wearing of masks when in public and the importance of regular handwashing.

COVID-19 News and Resources

The County of Orange continues to add new COVID-19 data and information to its website at <https://occovid19.ochealthinfo.com/coronavirus-in-oc>.

The County of Orange Healthcare Agency's COVID-19 Hotline can be reached at (714) 834-2000, or by email at, ETeam@ochca.com. County staff monitors the hotline and email box and answer questions about industry reopening and activity resumption, current guidance and more.

The County also 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.

Please visit 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. You can also follow the City on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#), and look for alerts from our City staff on [Nextdoor](#).

Housing Element Update Advisory Committee (HEUAC) Meeting Recap

On Wednesday, July 15, 2020, the City's Housing Element Update Advisory Committee (HEAUC) held its second meeting in the City Council Chambers.

The HEUAC began the meeting by receiving an overview of the schedule moving forward towards compliance with the October 2021 Housing Element adoption deadline mandated by the State. Acknowledging a big part of the effort is public outreach, the HEAUC then discussed the previous Listen & Learn program guided by the now dissolved General Plan Update Steering Committee and touched on what kind of outreach would be effective.

The HEUAC then heard detailed information about the California Department of Housing and Community Development's Sites Inventory Guidebook and discussed the current housing opportunity sites inventory before discussing the project description, as it relates to preparing an Environmental Impact Report under the California Environmental Quality Act.

The HEUAC finished the meeting with member introductions, receiving progress reports from the Site Selection Subcommittee and the Affordable Housing Subcommittee, and then appointing a second Site Selection Subcommittee and an Outreach Subcommittee. Each of the subcommittees will provide progress reports at every meeting moving forward.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 19, 2020. For more information on the HEUAC, please check out its webpage [here](#).

Balboa Village Advisory Committee (BVAC) Meeting Recap

On Wednesday, July 15, 2020, the Balboa Village Advisory Committee (BVAC) met for the first time since February 2020. The BVAC discussed the current state of the Balboa Village area, as it relates to tourism, maintenance, and tenancy. The BVAC then spoke about the future of the Village and what may help re-energize the area to bring in new tenants and re-investment, including ideas such as a seasonal cruise line visiting during the off-season months. Lastly, the BVAC discussed its purpose and role moving forward setting a planning session in September 2020 to revisit and assess ideas for new initiatives.

For more information on the BVAC, please check out its webpage [here](#).

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 facilitate Project Roomkey.

Success Stories:

- A longtime Newport Beach resident who has experienced homelessness for many years was enrolled in a sober living home this week. He completed a two-week medical detoxification program to qualify. The man recently accepted a job with his prior employer and starts next week. His ongoing case management is a collaborative effort between the Newport Beach Police Department's Homeless Liaison Officer, the City's Homeless Coordinator, City Net case managers, and staff from Share Our Selves. Share Our Selves, established in 1979 in Costa Mesa, offers comprehensive services including medical and dental care, social services, behavioral health and seasonal outreach programs.
- A woman staying in the Mariners' Mile area was placed into Project Roomkey.
- Two people staying by the Newport Pier were placed into Project Roomkey.
- A man staying by the Newport Transportation was placed into the Santa Ana Armory. City Net provided transportation. The Orange County Emergency Shelters, located in Santa Ana and Fullerton, are operated by Mercy House. Mercy House, established in Orange County in 1987, provides comprehensive services for people experiencing homelessness.
- A man staying by the Newport Pier was placed into the Santa Ana Armory. The man received a job offer in a restaurant contingent upon his ability to remain sheltered and stabilized.
- A family was enrolled into City Net's case management program and connected to the Orange County Family Solutions Collaborative for housing. The Family Solutions Collaborative is a coalition of leading family service nonprofits in Orange County that helps homeless families connect to services more efficiently.

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.

