



A MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT 6 COUNCILMEMBER STEVE MADISON

District 6 Constituents,

Please continue to follow the practice of social distancing once the loop opens to vehicles.

State law seems clear that the Governor's directives may be interpreted and implemented by local health departments and their directors. The State Health Dept., however, is limiting that authority to County health departments/directors, erroneously in our view as it excludes our City health department/director. So we have asked the State to reconsider the scope of its interpretation so as to have maximum flexibility and alacrity in implementing a safe but robust return to normalcy.

We are including a message that the City has sent to the business community. The business community is encouraged to subscribe, if they haven't done so already. Here is a link: <https://www.cityofpasadena.net/covid-19-updates/>

- We have switched to Constant Contact to send you updated messages from the City and District 6. Please share this information with neighbors and friends. If they wish to be added to the distribution list, please have them write to us and include a home address as we will continue to group messages by neighborhoods to target our audience when appropriate. Our email addresses are at the bottom of the message.
- In case you have missed any of these important message, please go to our website www.cityofpasadena.net/district6.
- For the last news issues click "[District 6 News](#)"



Rose Bowl Loop Opens to Vehicular Traffic on Tuesday, May 26

Since the City reopened the Central Arroyo—which includes the Rose Bowl loop—earlier this month, the amount of visitors has been much less than

anticipated. The purpose of closing the loop to vehicular traffic was to allow enough space for pedestrians and bicyclists to physically distance themselves from one another; however, most are not utilizing the space typically reserved for vehicles. As a result, City Council decided at its May 18 meeting to reopen the area to vehicular traffic on Tuesday, May 26, the day after Memorial Day. Lot I parking restrictions will also end on May 26, and all Central Arroyo parking lots will be reopened.

Despite the reopening of the Central Arroyo to vehicular traffic, public health restrictions to prevent the spread of COVID-19 among recreational users in the Central Arroyo remain in place, including physical distancing and face covering requirements.



City Requests State Health Officer Clarification Regarding Local Control of Re-Opening

(PASADENA, CA) – City of Pasadena Public Health Director, Dr. Ying-Ying Goh, has contacted the California Department of Public Health advocating for local control over the re-opening process. Up until now, Pasadena has been required to follow the State’s guidelines and the only local control was the ability to have stricter guidelines than the State. The Governor signaled a change in course on this with the possibility that local health jurisdictions have some control over the re-opening process. Specifically, the Governor indicated that local health jurisdictions may apply for a “variance” to Stage Two re-opening requirements. If a variance were granted, a local jurisdiction could, for example, reopen restaurants or allow drive through graduations provided certain criteria were met.

Unfortunately, the City has been informed that the California Department of Public Health will not consider Pasadena’s variance request and will only consider such requests from counties despite what the Governor has said. This will leave Pasadena and Long Beach locked into whatever LA County decides, without the ability to take advantage locally of what the Governor has announced. Because it has its own Health Department, Pasadena is well prepared to develop, promulgate and administer regulations that would allow for re-opening according to its local health indicators as well as its economic and social needs.

Cities which have their own health departments have been omitted from the required documentation, hence, Pasadena’s Health Officer is asking for clarification so that Pasadena can seek a variance. This would allow for local control of reopening based upon local health factors using Pasadena’s own authority and not the County’s.

“We are capable and confident of insuring adherence to all state requirements. We believe it is important to provide the latitude to exercise our local authority that the Governor has conferred by his Executive Order. Therefore, we are respectfully requesting revisions to the COVID-19 Variance Attestation Form be made to allow for local control,” states Dr. Goh.

Briefing for the Pasadena Business Community

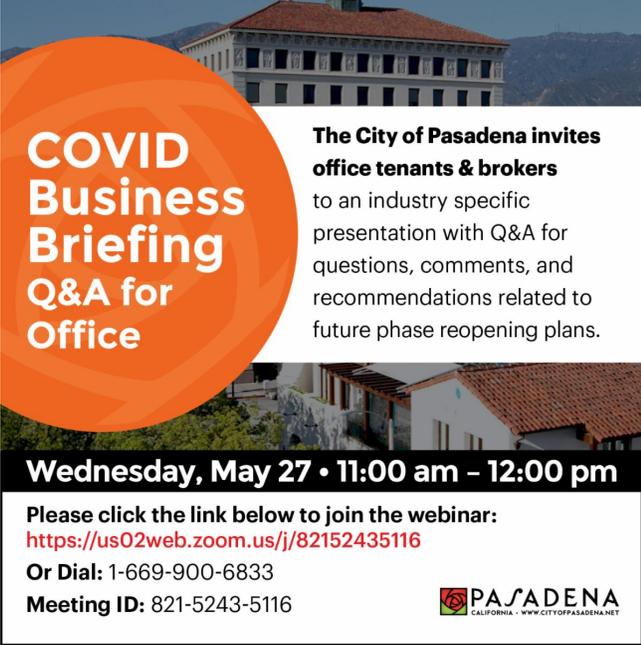
In an effort to keep you informed of developments related to COVID-19, the City of Pasadena offers the following information to the Pasadena business community. Our goal is to disseminate accurate public health information, offer recommendations to prepare for and slow the spread of the virus, and provide links to resources for additional information. Please disseminate this information with your businesses, community partners, etc.

[Read More](#)

Sign-Up for Business Briefing Updates:

Please encourage your merchants, business owners, and associates to subscribe to receive these business updates related to the City of Pasadena's response to COVID-19.

To subscribe, [Click Here.](#)



COVID Business Briefing Q&A for Office

The City of Pasadena invites office tenants & brokers to an industry specific presentation with Q&A for questions, comments, and recommendations related to future phase reopening plans.

Wednesday, May 27 • 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Please click the link below to join the webinar:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82152435116>
Or Dial: 1-669-900-6833
Meeting ID: 821-5243-5116



COUNCILMEMBER STEVE MADISON

Steve Madison was first elected in 1999 to represent District 6, which includes the beautiful West Pasadena neighborhoods above the Rose Bowl and in Southwest Pasadena, much of Old Pasadena, the Art Center College of Design, the Convention Center & Civic Auditorium, most of the Arroyo Seco, the historic Colorado Street Bridge, and the..... [Read More](#)



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