

# DISTRICT UPDATE



## Welcome to District 7

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Dear Friends,

Below are a few very important updates having to do with the Coronavirus. Though the experts believe our local "peak" is still a few weeks away, we are not taking any chances. We recently authorized funds to outfit the Convention Center with 250 overflow beds, set-up ~50 FEMA RV trailers at the Rose Bowl, and also helped open up LA County's appointment-only drive through testing program at the Rose Bowl (<https://lacovidprod.service-now.com/rrs>).

Additional actions are detailed below. We realize that this is a very difficult time for all of us, but are hopeful that these measures will protect us and assist us in these abnormal times. Please stay home and stay safe.

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## PASADENA AND LOS ANGELES COUNTY MANDATE USE OF FACE MASKS INSIDE ESSENTIAL BUSINESSES

**Order is effective Saturday, April 11th**

On Saturday, City of Pasadena Public Health Officer Dr. Ying-Ying Goh issued a revised order for control of COVID-19 **requiring face coverings for essential workers, along with customers patronizing essential businesses.** Los Angeles County issued the same order on Friday. The new order is effective immediately and will remain in effect until further notice. The order does not replace physical distancing

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and hygiene protocols.

All workers who work at essential businesses or perform essential services, as defined in the order, must wear face coverings over their noses and mouths while performing their work.

Additionally, all customers and visitors of essential businesses must wear face coverings over their noses and mouths. The face coverings should not be medical-grade masks or N95 respirators reserved for healthcare workers and other first responders. Instead, the general public should wear fabric coverings, such as scarves and bandana coverings, or single-use face coverings. As per the order, an essential business owner may deny service to anyone not wearing a face covering.

Here is a complete version of the [Face Mask directive](#).

Some helpful links where residents can purchase face masks are [LA Protects.org](#) and [Helenjon.com](#).

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## **PASADENA HEALTH OFFICER DIRECTS NEW ORDER FOR SKILLED NURSING AND ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES**

**Order goes in to effect April 12**

Despite significant and specific guidance that has been provided to licensed long term care facilities, the number of COVID-19 cases, deaths and outbreaks among residents and staff continues to grow. For this reason, Dr. Goh has also issued additional instructions for the operation of these facilities in Pasadena, including limited entry, symptom screening for all who enter, and face covering guidelines for patients.

Here is the complete version of the new [Order for Skilled Nursing and Assisted Living Facilities](#).

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## **CITY COUNCIL APPROVES PLAN TO ISSUE REBATE CHECKS TO ELECTRIC CUSTOMERS**

## Utility rebate checks will be mailed in the next 4-5 weeks

In an effort to ease the financial burden to the Pasadena community during the COVID-19 outbreak, the City Council on Monday approved a plan to issue rebate checks to all Pasadena electric customers- both residents and businesses- in the coming weeks. Councilmembers approved suspension of the collection of the Utility Underground Surtax for a period of six months, and approved a proposal to refund all electric customers an amount equal to the Surtax for a two-year period from April 2018 through March 2020. Former customers having paid the surtax during this period would also be eligible for rebates. The total estimated value of the rebates exceeds \$11 million.

All current residential and commercial electric customers can expect to receive a rebate check for the Utility Underground Surtax within four to five weeks. Those who were Pasadena electric customers in the past two years but who no longer have an account will receive information on how to apply for their refund if their new address is known.

To further provide financial relief, Council also approved a proposal to temporarily stop collection of the Utility Underground Surtax for six months, resulting in about a 4% lower utility bill for most electric customers.

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## REMEMBER TO LOCK YOUR VEHICLES WHILE STAYING SAFE AT HOME!

### Be sure to remove personal items from your car

Last week, we had a number of property crimes having to do with personal items being stolen from vehicles in driveways. While most of us are staying safe at home, we want to be sure not to get relaxed about locking our vehicles and setting our alarms when we must leave the house.

- The principle that If you see something say something is real and it works - so call the Police Department when you see something that looks like crime or unusual activity: (626) 744-4241 Non-Emergency or 911 for an emergency
- Make it a point to keep cars locked up and

- remove personal items of value
- Lock up personal items in the house
- Remove personal items, such as bicycles, from view or in plain sight
- Close garage doors - don't leave them open
- Maintain your home's landscape, pick up newspapers and bring in trashcans, and be sure to take mail out of the box each day
- Use your alarm system when you leave your home

Keeping these easy tips in mind will prevent others from taking advantage of our neighbors in these unprecedented times.

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