

CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 20-30

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
IRVINE PROPOSING PREVENTATIVE MEASURES TO
PREVENT AND COMBAT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19

WHEREAS, as of the signing of this resolution, a novel coronavirus (COVID-19) had spread globally to over 184 countries, infecting more than 438,000 persons and killing more than 20,700 individuals worldwide. Due to the expanding list of countries with widespread transmission of COVID-19, and increasing travel alerts and warnings for countries with sustained or uncontrolled community transmission issued by the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), COVID-19 has created conditions that are likely to be beyond the control of local resources and require the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization, the President of the United States, the Governor of the State of California, the County of Orange, and the City of Irvine have all declared states of emergency as a result of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, despite sustained efforts, the virus remains a threat, and further efforts to control the spread of the virus to reduce and minimize the risk of infection and otherwise mitigate the effects of COVID-19 are needed; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the Governor and the California Department of Health issued a statement entitled, "California Public Health Experts: Mass Gatherings Should be Postponed or Cancelled Statewide to Slow the Spread of COVID-19," determining that gatherings should be postponed or canceled across the state until at least the end of March; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, the Orange County Local Health Officer issued an Amended Order and Guidance (Order) that provides, among other things, (i) placed significant restrictions and limitations on public gatherings, (ii) made strong recommendations for the protection of the health of vulnerable populations, including senior citizens, (iii) ordered all bars, movie theatres, gyms, and health clubs closed, and (iv) restricted restaurant operations to pick up and drive through only. The full Order is available at:

<https://www.ochealthinfo.com/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?BlobID=114422>

WHEREAS, in light of State and Federal guidelines, the City endeavors to propose additional local preventative measures to ensure the safety of the community. Such measures are in addition to actions the City Council put in place at an emergency meeting on March 12, 2020 and the City's March 18, 2020 Proclamation of Emergency (as ratified by the City Council on March 24, 2020); and

WHEREAS, the University of California, Irvine, and the Orange County Healthcare Agency are partnering with the City of Irvine to inform residents about what to do if individuals suspect that they are infected and how to obtain testing; educational information is available at ucihealth.org/covid-19 (University of California, Irvine), and ochealthinfo.com (Orange County Health Care Agency). The City of Irvine seeks to encourage other public and private partners to identify additional support and local testing sites for Irvine residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Irvine DOES HEREBY RESOLVE as follows:

SECTION 1. To strongly recommend that all retail sales businesses and service businesses provide protective supplies such as masks, gloves and cleaning agents for their employees and to limit the customers in their facilities based on size.

SECTION 2. To strongly recommend that all grocery and/or pharmacy-type stores provide separate hours for senior citizens to shop and to limit the purchase of products so everyone has adequate supplies, especially disinfectant products and baby products.

SECTION 3. To strongly recommend all restaurants and/or bars providing food to provide online and/or phone ordering and curbside pick-up of food and beverages.

SECTION 4. To strongly encourage all local businesses to provide information to their employees on mental health resources that are available throughout the County, to help cope with the stresses caused by the COVID-19 emergency.

SECTION 5. City staff shall work with University of California, Irvine, the Orange County Healthcare Agency, and other public and private organizations to make COVID-19 local testing available as testing capabilities are expanded, and to ensure that Irvine citizens are aware of those opportunities. Educational information and guidance managing COVID-19, including what individuals can do if they suspect they are infected and about access to testing will be provided on the City's webpage and through social media.

SECTION 6. This Resolution shall go into effect immediately upon its adoption. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution and shall deliver a copy of this Resolution to the Director of the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services and the Orange County Health Office, and any other federal, state, or regional agency as may be directed by the City Manager.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Irvine at a regular meeting held on the 24th day of March, 2020.


MAYOR OF THE CITY OF IRVINE

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF IRVINE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF ORANGE) SS
CITY OF IRVINE)

I, MOLLY M. PERRY, City Clerk of the City of Irvine, HEREBY DO CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Irvine, held on the 24th day of March, 2020.

AYES: 5 COUNCILMEMBERS: Carroll, Fox, Khan, Kuo, and Shea
NOES: 0 COUNCILMEMBERS: None
ABSENT: 0 COUNCILMEMBERS: None
ABSTAIN: 0 COUNCILMEMBERS: None


CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF IRVINE