



Greater Downtown Glendale Association | A Note to Our Neighborhood

Update March 16, 2020

Dear Greater Downtown Glendale Residents, Business Owners and Community Members,

The safety and well-being of our historic neighborhood and the citizens of Glendale is our top priority. As the situation around the coronavirus (COVID-19) develops, we have been closely monitoring all information locally, nationally and globally to ensure we best serve our residents, businesses and visitors. It is important to be knowledgeable, take proper precautions and stay calm. With that in mind, we would like to share the following information:

Events Postponed

Due to COVID-19 and specifically [new guidance from the California Department of Health](#), we have postponed all non-essential events and entertainment in Greater Downtown Glendale until the end of March. We are closely monitoring developments from public officials and will resume events once it is deemed safe.

Open for Business

Greater Downtown Glendale's family-owned, small businesses are here to support and serve during this difficult time. Our businesses are following enhanced sanitation protocols to maintain the utmost precautions and safety. Please visit our [website](#) for a full list of locations available for food, delivery, shopping needs and more. During this period, businesses may change staffing patterns and hours of operation to accommodate customer demands.

Governor's Orders

On Sunday, Governor Gavin Newsom held a lengthy press conference that put forward the following orders cited to prevent further spread of the COVID-19 virus. Those orders included the following:

"...directing that all bars, nightclubs, wineries, brewpubs and the like be closed in the state of California."

He also believes that visiting restaurants is safe as long as individuals are socially distancing or allowing about 6 feet of space between one another. They will be allowed to operate at half of their normal capacity.

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City of Glendale Declares Local State of Emergency and Issues Emergency Order for Temporary Business Closures to Slow the Spread of COVID-19

Glendale, CA – On March 16, 2020, the City of Glendale issued a local emergency proclamation in response to the COVID-19 pandemic in addition to a number of measures already in place across the City to protect members of the public from risk of contracting the virus. Today, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health [issued a news release](#) that confirms two cases of COVID-19 in the City of Glendale. Our precautions over the past weeks and what we do over the next few days and weeks will determine how well we weather this emergency.

Following the emergency proclamation, the City’s Emergency Operations Center will be activated. In addition to declaring a local emergency, effective March 17, 2020, the City of Glendale issued a supplement to the local emergency proclamation that orders temporary business closures to slow the spread of COVID-19. These include:

- All bars, banquet halls, and nightclubs in the City of Glendale that do not serve food shall be closed to the public.
- Any bars, banquet halls, or nightclubs in the City of Glendale that serve food may remain open only for purposes of continuing to prepare and offer food to customers via delivery service or to be picked up. Dine-in food service is prohibited.
- All restaurants and retail food facilities in the City of Glendale shall be prohibited from serving food for consumption on premises. Restaurants and retail food facilities may continue to operate for purposes of preparing and offering food to customers via delivery service, to be picked up or for drive-thru. For those establishments offering food pick-up options, proprietors are directed to establish social distancing practices for those patrons in the queue for pick-up.
- All movie theaters, live performance venues, bowling alleys, arcades, and similar entertainment establishments shall be closed to the public.
- All gyms and fitness centers shall be closed to the public.
- The following are exempt from this Order:
 - ✓ Cafeterias, commissaries, and restaurants located within hospitals, nursing homes, or similar facilities;
 - ✓ Grocery stores;
 - ✓ Pharmacies;
 - ✓ Food banks; and
 - ✓ Farmer’s Markets that do not provide for sit down dining and don’t have spaces that are likely to confine 50 people or more in a single space.
 - ✓ Trucks and other vehicles engaged in the delivery of grocery items to grocery stores, when such items are to be made available for sale to the public, are hereby exempt from having to comply with any City rules and regulations that limit the hours for such deliveries.

These local orders follow the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health’s order today for all 88 cities and unincorporated communities throughout Los Angeles County, to include Glendale.

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Know the Symptoms

Patients with confirmed COVID-19 infection have reported symptoms ranging from mild to severe respiratory illness. COVID-19 may appear in as few as two days, or as long as 14 days, after exposure. Symptoms generally include:

- Fever
- Dry cough
- Fatigue
- Shortness of breath and/or difficulty breathing

Stay Protected

To limit the spread of infection, public health organizations recommend:

- Avoiding large groups (over 50 people in close quarters)
- Washing hands thoroughly and often (for at least 20 seconds per washing)
- Covering mouth with arm or nook of elbow when coughing or sneezing
- Abstaining from touching the face
- Keeping a “social distance” of 6 feet or more
- Staying home if you feel sick

For additional guidance, contact your medical provider or visit the [World Health Organization](#) and [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) websites.

Financial Hardship

Those facing reduced working hours, unemployment and/or financial hardships may visit the [Employment Development Department](#) for a variety of different support services for individuals affected by COVID-19 in California.

We know that we, as a community, will come through this crisis. As one of the most dynamic and growing business districts in the San Fernando Valley, the Greater Downtown Glendale Association will continue to do our part to ensure the safety and cleanliness of our streets and sidewalks. We know our local businesses will continue their outstanding service as well.

Stay in the city, go on with your daily activities, and follow the state, county and local advice to ensure that this virus remains at a minimum in the region.



Rick Lemmo
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