



CITY OF WALNUT CREEK

TO: Walnut Creek Businesses
FROM: Teri Killgore, Assistant City Manager
DATE: December 23, 2020
RE: BUSINESS OPERATIONS UPDATE

Dear Walnut Creek Business Owner:

Hopefully this finds you and your family well. What an unexpected and challenging year 2020 brought us, and I want to take a moment to say thank you for all the flexibility and creativity you have shown. We aren't yet done with the journey, but we couldn't ask a for a better business community to have as partners.

Our team wanted to share a couple of quick updates before the holidays.

1. State Health Orders

As you know, both Contra Costa County and the State of California have issued Shelter-In-Place orders, requiring businesses to cease or limit operations.

Below is a list of the current restrictions on businesses that will be in place until at least January 7:

- Restaurants – Take-out and delivery only; no indoor or outdoor dining
- Bars – Take-out only; no indoor or outdoor service
- Retail – Maximum 20% capacity indoors
- Hair/Massage/Nail/Skincare Spas and Salons – No indoor or outdoor service
- Fitness/Gyms - Outdoor service only (no indoor service)

The Governor made comments in his Monday press conference that it seems likely the restrictions will be extended. Please keep an ear open for changes that may be announced over the holidays. As always, the County can always add restrictions, so we will also need to watch for their direction.

2. Outdoor Dining and Rebound Guidebook Update

We will provide further instructions in the New Year on outdoor dining operations, including requirements for tents, new rigid structures, and heating elements. A new Rebound Guidebook will be released in the New Year to address all of the policies for outdoor dining and retail operations in streets,

sidewalks, private patios and parking lots. Until further notice, Rebound areas should remain vacated. Thank you for your assistance in securing these areas.

3. Restaurant Grant Program

At the December 15th City Council meeting, Council decided to pursue a grant program for restaurants in Walnut Creek. City staff is currently exploring development of the program, for a launch in the February 2021 timeframe. Program details will be established – including grant amounts, the application process, and selection criteria and presented to the Council at their meeting on January 19th. We will share more details as they firm up, including how to apply.

While this is a challenging time, we wish you Happy Holidays and, along with you, are looking forward to a happier New Year.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Teri Killgore". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Teri Killgore