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TO: All Businesses

FROM: Teri Killgore, Assistant City Manager

RE: Lifting of State Orders Update + Outdoor Dining Facilities

Good afternoon.

As you likely heard, the good (surprise) news is that the State lifted the Stay At Home orders statewide, effective immediately. This is due to ICU availability doing far better than projected coming out of the holiday season. The even better news is that the County is following suit, so we are back to the Purple tier, effective immediately. This means:

- Restaurants may offer outdoor dining, following the state health guidelines. No indoor dining is allowed.
- Hair salons, barber shops and personal services such as nail salons may reopen following state health guidelines.
- Fitness/Gyms: Outdoor operations only.
- Outdoor social gatherings involving 25 or fewer people, from three or fewer different households, are now permitted.

The County's complete "Openings at a Glance" PDF list is attached for reference. This is exciting news, and three weeks earlier than we were told was likely.

Temporary Outdoor Dining

Thank you to everyone for battening down the hatches over the closure of outdoor dining. It turned out to be wise we did with the high wind events.

The City and WCD have been putting the final touches on the temporary dining structures process. Additionally, we've been working with the Fire Department on their new requirements, including fire permits and inspections for ALL tents. The new tent guidelines were sent out today, and the coordinated application, inspection, and approval process will be available tomorrow afternoon. The new modular structures process was also released today and will be discussed at the webinar noted below. The new permits for tents and modular structures issued will extend outdoor dining through August 31,

2021. Details can be found at <https://www.walnut-creek.org/departments/economic-development/rebound-business-re-open-program/pop-up-public-parking-space>

WCD will host a **webinar at 2pm this Wednesday, 1/27** with the City and Fire Department to explain the new processes and options available for Outdoor Dining, including requirements for tents and dining structures through August 2021. WCD sent out an invitation to all restaurants earlier today. If you didn't receive the invitation, please inquire at services@walnutcreekdowntown.org

If your outdoor dining area is located in a street or sidewalk, and you haven't yet turned in your updated insurance and request for a Temporary Encroachment Permit extension through Feb 28th, 2021 (current permits expire January 31), please send an email to rebound@walnut-creek.org as soon as possible, so that you may host outdoor dining now through February.

No tents should be reinstalled until an inspection has been performed by both the Fire Dept. and the City, and a new permit approved. This is especially important given the weather and high winds expected over the next week.

If you haven't yet set up a temporary outdoor dining area and are interested in doing so, please visit www.walnut-creek.org/rebound.

Indoor Dining

There have been increasing rumors that some restaurants and service providers are serving customers indoors. This is not allowed and is subject to immediate fines. Violations of County Health orders can be reported to communityconcerns@walnut-creek.org.

Thank you again to all of you for the hard work you do to serve our community, and let's hope the good news continues from here on out.

Best,



Teri Killgore

Attached:

1. County Health Press Release
2. Openings at a Glance