



**NEW – County of San Diego mandates FACIAL COVERINGS in public and at work starting MAY 1<sup>st</sup> (TODAY!!!)** – the County of San Diego has mandated that facial coverings be worn when in public and when you get closer than 6 feet to another person who is not a member of your direct, household family. ***Additionally, facial coverings are also mandated while at work, or off-site if conducting work.*** The new requirements can be found [HERE](#). For businesses, there has been some inconsistency in the written rules (Item #9 [HERE](#)) and media announcements resulting from interviews with County officials ([HERE](#)). We are seeking clarification, but all workers should be instructed to wear some form of job appropriate facial cover consistent with County health rules and make sure that when they're closer than 6 feet to anyone in public or at the worksite, they wear the cover over their mouth and nose.

**NEW - NAIOP Webinar: City of San Diego DSD | NEW on line permit portal**

Link to the recording of yesterday's webinar: <https://youtu.be/SdsKhg5kOxl>

**County extends “stay at home” order indefinitely** – set to expire yesterday, the County Department of Public Health announced an indefinite extension of the County-wide “stay at home” order ([HERE](#)). The Public Health Officer, Dr. Wilma Wooten, did note that the County has now met 4 of 5 re-opening criteria, with the 5<sup>th</sup> being testing capabilities/capacity. She further noted that the testing capacity is being increased with the announcement of two new testing sites.

**High-risk groups now recommended for testing, INCLUDING essential infrastructure workers** – the County also announced that they are expanding their recommendations for testing in San Diego, including for “high-risk” groups. ***This includes anyone in an “essential infrastructure” occupation (more information [HERE](#)).*** In order to get tested at a hospital, health care provider or one of the County's testing sites, individuals who fall into any of these expanded testing categories should contact their doctor or call 2-1-1.

**City of San Diego to LAUNCH Electronic Plan Submittal PORTAL on May 4<sup>th</sup>** – The City of San Diego's plan to transition permitting to online, electronic submittals will start on May 4<sup>th</sup>. Applicants can apply on-line through the “Open DSD” portal ([HERE](#)) and submit plans in PDF format. The City's public notice document can be found [HERE](#), for more information and the GUIDE for how to use the new hybrid system can be found [HERE](#). NAIOP will track implementation progress and let members know when the platform is live for use.

**Mayor announces new “SLOW STREETS” program** – City of San Diego Mayor Kevin Faulconer announced a program with Councilmember Jen Campbell a new “Slow Streets” pilot program to repurpose certain public streets. This is intended to expand space for safe walking and biking and make it easier for residents to follow social distancing rules. This could also help provide an opportunity for restaurants in these areas to expand outdoor dining as a means to increase social distancing, but still maintain some business volume when re-opening is allowed. More information on the program can be found [HERE](#).

**Feds announce expansion of small business lending program** – The Federal Reserve Board announced the expansion of its “**Main Street Lending Program**” (MSLP) on Thursday. You can find more details [HERE](#), but the Fed is expanding the scope and eligibility for the program, which is designed to provide up to \$600 billion

in loans to small and mid-size businesses impacted by the pandemic. Bigger businesses can now apply, and the minimum loan amount has been reduced from \$1m to \$500,000. The loans are up to four years and at below market rates. The main difference between this loan and the Small Business Administration program is that the MSLP loan must be repaid.

**Paycheck Protection Program allocations over \$2 million will receive an audit** – Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin announced this week that he will give direction to the Small Business Administration to do a full audit of loans over \$2 million from the PPP allocations made by the Congress before “loan forgiveness” will be applied. This follows additional clarification from the SBA last week that borrowers must “certify in good faith” that the loan request is “necessary” (see Question 31 [HERE](#)). He specifically singled out some large companies and interests that the media has identified as the justification for this direction.

**REMINDER - City of San Diego had new COVID-19 construction site protocols** – effective April 24, 2020, the City of SD is requiring all active construction sites within the City follow new safety protocols to protect the health and safety of construction workers. The protocols include guidance on tenant improvement projects based upon input from NAIOP and other commercial real estate construction experts. The key rule is social distancing with a minimum separation of 6-feet. Construction industry employers must develop a comprehensive COVID-19 “exposure control plan” which includes social distancing, symptom checking and reporting, hygiene, decontamination procedures and training. Additionally, gatherings of 10 or more people are prohibited at any time on the job site. Click [HERE](#) to view the new protocols.

**REMINDER - County of San Diego Health Orders STILL in effect AND being enforced** – The County of San Diego’s health orders ([found HERE](#)), including the requirement for facial coverings for many essential businesses. The County’s health orders, also STILL require that essential businesses that have remained open and **allow access to members of the public as of April 7<sup>th</sup>** must create and post a document outlining their protocol on physical distancing and hygiene. A downloadable version of the document can be found [HERE](#).

**REMINDER – San Diego Superior Court services remain CLOSED** until an estimated re-opening on May 26<sup>th</sup>. Until then, nearly all court services, except for some criminal case processing and consideration of temporary restraining orders are suspended.

#### REFERENCE LIST:

County of San Diego COVID-19 Resource Page – [LINK HERE](#)

City of San Diego COVID-19 Resource Page – [Link HERE](#)

US Federal Government COVID-19 Resource Website – [Link HERE](#)

US Small Business Administration COVID-19 Resource Page – [Link HERE](#)

US Federal Reserve COVID-19 Resource Page – [Link HERE](#)

State of California COVID-19 Resource Website – [Link HERE](#)

**Essential Services** – There has not been any further change to either the definitions or the rules for “essential services” as previously defined by [Governor Newsome’s Executive Order](#) (EO) to “stay at home” issued on March 19, 2020. The EO provided guidance on “Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers” and pointed to the [federal guidance](#) on “essential critical infrastructure workforce” contained within the EO by reference. That

was updated on March 28<sup>th</sup>, but did not change the applicability for commercial real estate. Find the updated CISA document [HERE](#).

For now, at the local, state and federal levels, NAIOP Corporate and NAIOP CAL, in addition to our local team, are working to make sure our members continue to be seen as essential, since our services include economic resiliency and sustainability. We are also working to make sure that local government operations related to our members' needs, like planning, permitting and inspections also continue.