



# FRAMEWORK FOR OPENING USES

City Manager's Office

City Council

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## BACKGROUND

1. March 4, 2020 – Governor Newsom declared a state of emergency for the State of California as a result of the threat of COVID-19.
2. March 8, 2020 – Riverside County Public Health Officer declared a local health emergency based on an imminent and proximate threat to public health from the introduction of COVID-19 in Riverside County.
3. March 13, 2020 – City of Riverside declared a local emergency to increase its efforts to protect the public from COVID-19.
4. March 19, 2020 – Governor Newsom issued a statewide Stay at Home Order for all individuals to stay at their place of residence except as needed to maintain continuity of operations of federal critical infrastructure sectors.

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## BACKGROUND

5. April 14, 2020 – Governor Newsom outlined six critical indicators the State will consider before modifying the stay-at-home order.
6. April 28, 2020 – Governor Newsom announced four stages for easing the stay-at-home order:
  - a. The State is currently in the first stage;
  - b. The second stage will allow adaptations for opening public spaces for low risk uses.
7. April 29, 2020 – County Public Health Officer extended order requiring residents to wear face coverings and continue social distancing through June 19, 2020.
8. April 30, 2020 – County issued a news release noting the Board of Supervisors may cancel all public health orders; Board to consider item on May 5<sup>th</sup>.



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## DISCUSSION

1. April 20, 2020 – County Public Health Officer amended two County orders to facilitate the opening of parks, trails and other outdoor areas for walking, jogging, hiking and other non-contact outdoor activities.
2. PRCSD staff analyzed City facilities that meet the County's criteria based on whether:
  - a. Social distancing can be accomplished at each site;
  - b. Activities undertaken at the site would create physical contact; and
  - c. Parking lots are required for the property to be utilized.
3. Based on analysis, the following sites were re-opened:
  1. Sycamore Canyon trails
  2. Neighborhood tennis and pickleball courts
  3. Disc golf course at Martha McLean Park



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## DISCUSSION

4. Staff is seeking additional direction on how to move forward with re-opening the following facilities:
  - a. Andulka Tennis Center – parking needs to be re-opened, which could attract numerous visitors and make social distancing impossible; and
  - b. Fairmount Golf Course with the following conditions:
    - a. After facility is prepared to address COVID-19 safety measures;
    - b. Signage posted reminding golfers of social distancing and PPE requirements;
    - c. Implement Park and Play standards from National Golf Owners Association;
    - d. Golf cart use restricted to one golfer per cart;
    - e. Online and/or phone-in tee times only; and
    - f. Staff will frequently sanitize golf carts and ensure PPE is used at all times.



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## DISCUSSION

5. Policy Group established a Framework for staff to consider when responding to new and amended State and County orders regarding opening uses, increasing activities and easing stay-at-home orders;
6. Staff will use Framework to determine:
  - a. If order can be carried out administratively without reservation by the Director of Emergency Services with a report out to the Policy Group and City Council; or
  - b. If the order can't be carried out administratively without reservation, recommendations will be brought to the Policy Group to determine:
    - i. If the Director of Emergency Services can act Administratively with a report to the City Council; or
    - ii. Order should be submitted to City Council/Council Committee for further consideration.



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## DISCUSSION

7. When analyzing new, amended or rescinded orders issued by the Governor or County Public Health Officer, staff will consider the following:
  - a) Clarification of order/supporting documents/terms, etc.
  - b) Staffing requirements for opening/operating and CISA Guidance on Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce
  - c) City enforcement requirements
  - d) Financial constraints
  - e) Timing/phasing of implementation
  - f) Conflicts
  - g) Consistency with applicable plans and orders
  - h) Key stakeholder input



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## RECOMMENDATIONS

That the City Council:

1. Review and provide feedback on a Framework for staff to consider when responding to new, amended and rescinded State and County orders regarding opening uses, increasing activities and easing stay-at-home order related to the COVID-19 pandemic;
2. Provide direction on re-opening the parking lot at Andulka Tennis Center;
3. Provide direction on re-opening Fairmount Golf Course; and
4. Provide staff with additional direction on State and County actions.



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