

City Manager Weekly Update

TO: Mayor and City Council Members
City Commissioners

FROM: Benjamin Siegel, City Manager

DATE: August 20, 2020

SUBJECT: **Weekly Update**

OC Health Care Agency's Behavioral Health Services: During the COVID-19 pandemic, many members of our community have faced significant disruption in their lives. Whether it be financial uncertainty, isolation, or health concerns for themselves or loved ones, the OC Health Care Agency's Behavioral Health Services division is an available resource. Our current reality can especially impact individuals and families living with a behavioral health condition. If you or a loved one is in need of behavior health services, please visit the OC Health Care Agency's Behavioral Health Services [website](#) for a directory of available resources. Additionally, crisis support services are available for both teens and adults, in multiple languages, 24/7 by contacting (800) 273-TALK (8255).

High Heat Event Energy Conservation: Earlier this week, the California Independent Systems Operator (CAISO), the nonprofit, public benefit corporation that manages the high-voltage electric grid for 80 percent of California, issued a Flex Alert due to the increased energy demand caused by high temperatures. During a Flex Alert, residents are encouraged to take three simple actions: set air conditioners to 78 degrees or higher, use major appliances before 3:00 p.m., and turn off all unnecessary lights to avoid the need for rotating power outages. Due to the region's energy conservation efforts, the CAISO has suspended the Flex Alert and reports that power reserves are presently at a manageable level. Residents are encouraged to continue conservation efforts as high heat events are likely to continue throughout the summer months. Many thanks to the community for your cooperation in conserving energy while the Flex Alert was in effect.

OCFA Fire Season Preparedness: Several significant wildfires continue to burn in Northern California and serve as a reminder to take preparedness steps now before an emergency. Residents are encouraged to create a wildfire action plan now, long before a wildfire threatens their home. A wildfire action plan should include a family evacuation plan, disaster supply kit with food, water and basic supplies for the entire family that will last at least 72 hours and a "go" bag with needed prescriptions, copies of important documents or irreplaceable items. Additionally, residents are encouraged to visit the OCFA preparedness [webpage](#) to conduct a virtual home assessment to learn how to protect their homes from the impacts of a wildfire. For additional preparedness information, please see the attached flyer or visit the OCFA [website](#).

OC Vector Control Mosquito Safety: The Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District (OCMVCD) is reporting an increase of West Nile virus (WNV) positive mosquitoes in areas of the county. In an effort to reduce the number of mosquitoes, interrupt virus transmission, and protect the public from mosquito-borne disease, next week the OCMVCD will begin mosquito prevention treatments in the highly impacted areas of Fullerton and Buena Park. To help avoid the need for such treatments in our community, residents should take the following precautions to reduce the chances of getting bit by mosquitoes: dump and drain any containers filled with water at least once a week, clean and scrub bird baths and pet water bowls weekly, dump water from potted plant saucers, and drill a hole or puncture outdoor containers to eliminate standing water. For additional information and resources, please visit the OCMVCD [website](#).

Orange County COVID-19 Testing Super Site: Through a partnership between 360 Clinic and the County of Orange, COVID-19 testing is now available Wednesday through Sunday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at an appointment-based drive-thru site at the Anaheim Convention Center. The testing location is equipped to serve more than 1,000 residents daily. Testing is available at no-cost to Orange County residents who meet California Department of Public Health testing priority criteria. This includes residents with signs or symptoms of COVID-19 or who have been in close contact with a person known to have COVID-19, employees and residents of congregate living facilities, and essential workers. The test offered at the Anaheim location will show if an individual is currently infected with COVID-19 and may be contagious. To schedule an appointment, please visit the 360 Clinic website and for additional information regarding the site, please visit the OC Health Care Agency website.

UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS (*Tentative and Subject to Change*)

September 1, 2020

- Specific Plan Initiation Request for the City-owned Downtown Playhouse Site
- Specific Plan Amendment Request for the Los Rios Specific Plan

September 15, 2020

- Plans and Specifications for Gateway Landscaping Project
- Approval of Northwest Open Space Specific Plan

PLANNING FOR DISASTERS



Planning in advance helps families survive and recover from disasters. Take steps now to protect your family and your home before the next earthquake, wildfire, pandemic, or other disasters.



41% of Americans say they are not prepared for a disaster. In 2018, insured losses due to natural disasters in the U.S. totaled \$52 billion.



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Make a Family Disaster Plan

- Assign individual responsibilities and work together as a team.
- Choose meeting places outside your home and outside your neighborhood. Discuss what to do in an evacuation and plan multiple exit routes in case of road closures.
- Visit alertoc.com, Orange County's emergency notification system, to register and receive information during and after an emergency.
- Enroll in safety classes like CERT, First Aid, and CPR.
- Gather important documentation (insurance, medical documents, or legal documents) and store them in a safe or on a flash drive.

Create Emergency Supply Kits

- Your emergency supply kits should have enough necessities to last you and your family for a minimum of three days, although it's recommended to be prepared for 7-10 days.
- Make sure your family kit is portable and easily accessible.
- Consider additional kits for your car and workplace.

Prepare Your Home by Identifying Home Hazards

- Bolt and brace major appliances, heavy furniture, electronics, and any overhead fixtures.
- Use flexible connections where gas lines meet appliances.
- Identify and have the proper tools available to shut off gas, water, and electricity, if necessary.