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MAYOR'S STATEMENT CORONAVIRUS #6

Happy International Firefighters Day today! And Happy Public Service Recognition Week! The City has kicked off the week, appropriately, by highlighting the reasons why a couple of people from the Fire Department decided to go into public service. You can see that on Twitter.

This week, [Alameda County issued a new Shelter-in-Place Order](#), extending the timeline through May 31st. The order still limits activity, travel and business functions to only the most essential needs. Residents may only leave their homes for essential activities, such as obtaining essential supplies, obtaining medical care, and working at an essential business, but only when that work cannot be performed from home. Residents may still go outside to engage in outdoor activity, provided they maintain social distancing of at least six feet. [Cloth face coverings](#) must be worn in public places, such as at essential businesses or when standing in line.

In light of progress achieved, the Order allows a limited number of additional essential business functions and activities to resume on May 4th, including residential moves and real estate transactions with continued limitations on viewings, construction activities that adhere to distancing requirements, and some outdoor businesses and outdoor recreational uses such as golf courses.

But also, a reminder, that families and friends from different households should stay in touch - but only virtually! All households should all still stay physically apart for now, according to health guidelines.

A note that the Governor issued guidance today that indicates that he may loosen some more restrictions for the state as early as Friday. However, please remember that Alameda County is the ultimate authority for the restrictions that are in place for Albany, so please pay attention to guidance and orders from the County. You can access County information at acphd.org, follow them on social media, and, recommended, sign up for AC alerts. Type "ac alerts" in your browser, and you will find the site where you can sign up. Please also note that the City has e-notification available as a button on the top of the website. I highly recommend

signing up for updates, and you can choose exactly which updates to get. And of course, the City has its own COVID-19 pages linked at the very top of our website.

Finally, a word about our businesses. Please keep on doing business with your local small businesses. Many are still open, although operating differently due to the current health orders. Many are open for delivery or take-out or by appointment. See the Albany Chamber of Commerce's website at everythingalbany.com and click on [Yes! We're Open!](#) to find Albany businesses still doing business, and the ways you can do business with them and contact them. Search for the Solano Avenue Association's website and click on [Please see this page](#) for businesses along Solano.

Also, check out the crowd-funding site, IndieGogo, and search for Albany CA for some efforts local businesses are making to raise funds.

Stay safe, stay healthy, and stay in touch with others - virtually! There's the phone and many video conferencing services that are allowing limited use of their services for free. Stay home, save lives. Take care.