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City of San Dimas Office of the City Manager – Update April 24, 2020

Latest Updates:

- Have you lost your health insurance due to COVID-19? Covered California has issued a special enrollment period for those impacted by income changes, reduced hours or lay off due to COVID-19. If the following circumstances apply to you, you may be eligible for health care coverage through Covered CA:
 - You've lost Medi-Cal coverage
 - You've lost your employer-sponsored coverage
 - Your COBRA coverage is exhausted
 - You are no longer eligible for student health coverage
 - To learn if you're eligible, visit [Covered CA](#) or call (800) 300-1506
- Over the last couple of weeks, the Los Angeles County Fire Department (LACoFD) has seen a surge in home fires. As residents continue to follow the Safer At Home Order, LA County encourages families to be mindful of fire hazards at home, and to practice fire escape safety steps with family members and loved ones
 - In home fires, a properly-prepared and maintained window, clear of obstacles, may provide the quickest, safest way out
 - In the event of a fire, crawling low in the smoke and trying to find your way to the front door isn't the most effective way to escape, because residential fires often originate in the living room or kitchen where these doors are located
 - LACoFD has also recently released a new family-friendly fire safety tool, named the Family Instructions for Rapid Escape (FIRE) guide, and an accompanying coloring book. Both are available at no cost and can be downloaded from LACoFD's website, fire.lacounty.gov
- Additionally, with warmer weather approaching, wildfire season is also coming soon to L.A. County. LACoFD is planning for wildfires and looking at what the wildland season may look like during the COVID-19 pandemic. For residents who live in a wildland interface area, now is a good time to:
 - Clear leaves and other debris from roofs, gutters, and decks
 - Remove flammable materials like firewood stacks and low hanging trees around your roof to create a defensible space around your home
 - Prepare your family's "[Ready, Set, Go!](#)" wildfire action plan
 - Look at ways to "Harden your Home," by protecting vents near eaves and consider installing double-pane windows. Please make sure your address is visible to firefighters
- Governor Newsom just announced a new meal program that will be providing 3 meals a day for Older Californians! Call your local 2-1-1 or visit <http://covid19.ca.gov> to see if you or someone you know may be eligible
- The California DMV is waiving late fees and penalties for vehicle registration, extending expiring identification cards, temporary operating permits and motor carrier permits following an executive order signed by Governor Gavin Newsom. For more information, visit https://www.dmv.ca.gov/portal/dmv/detail/pubs/newsrel/2020/2020_18
- View the latest San Dimas Restaurant Guide here: <https://sandimasca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/San-Dimas-Restaurant-Brewery-Café-Guide-April-24.pdf>
- As Log Angeles County continues planning for recovery, the Department of Public Health has identified four measures that must occur in order to modify the Safer at Home Order and safely reopen certain businesses, institutions, and public spaces. Recovery prerequisites include:

- Ensure hospitals and primary care and specialty services capacity to care for people who are ill and for those who need routine health care
- Ensure protections for vulnerable populations. This includes making sure that there are enough trained staff and personal protective equipment to appropriately manage care at institutional settings
- Ensure capacity for testing, isolating, and quarantining individuals and for surveillance to prevent the spread of infection
- Ensure capacity to maintain maximum physical distancing and infection control at all spaces and places where people interact with each other outside their homes