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Imperial County Proposes Efforts to Mitigate Impacts of COVID-19

This evening, Imperial County officials met with State of California officials to propose the following actions in an effort to continue mitigating the impacts to Imperial County residents and visitors due to COVID-19.

- Reiterate stay-at-home order and face covering requirements through increased public messaging.
- Strongly encourage businesses to enforce face-covering requirements.
- Close all non-essential businesses to in-store traffic, allowing curbside pickup only.
- Increase educational activity with restaurants further clarifying curbside pick-up.
- Strongly encourage families to limit the number of people visiting a store to one person per family for each visit.
- Prohibit non-essential gatherings of any size.
- Continue encouraging faith based organizations to conduct virtual religious services; indoor services prohibited, outdoor services will be limited to 100 participants, as long as can implement social distancing measures.
- Encourage telecommuting services, as much as possible, for all businesses.
- Close all county parks and recreational areas to public access.
- Strongly encourage cities to close their parks as well.
- Continue to collaborate and increase targeted engagement with local cities and law enforcement agencies regarding local health orders.
- Engage additional community-based organizations and faith-based groups in a reinvented outreach plan.
- Continue binational partnership with Mexicali to mitigate impacts of COVID-19 in both communities.

The County of Imperial is awaiting a response; however has begun working independently on implementing increased public engagement and collaboration. If the State and County come to a consensus on the additional restrictions and engagement, a revised Public Health Order will be issued by Dr. Stephen Munday, Imperial County Public Health Officer, immediately.

“As the County Board of Supervisors, we are committed to adopting additional measures to diminish the impacts of COVID-19,” stated Chairman of the Board and District 2 Supervisor Luis A. Plancarte. “We ask for all governing bodies in our County to increase engagement within their communities to help us improve the health and safety of its residents.”