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CITY OF SELMA RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC - UPDATE

County Testing Goal: 1,520 tests per day
(Current Testing Capacity: 500-700 tests per day)

State Testing Goal: 60,000 – 80,000 tests per day
(Current Testing Capacity: approximately 20,000 tests per day)

The City of Selma is adhering to the guidance of the State and County which includes continuing to observe the Stay At Home orders. Until the State government announces the orders to be relaxed or eliminated, they remain in effect. The Governor announced the framework for the four stages of relaxing the orders on Tuesday. Moving into the next phase will potentially be several more weeks. For more information on the phased reduction of restrictions visit the news section of: www.gov.ca.gov

With upcoming holidays, graduations and other causes for celebration we ask that you continue to observe the Stay at Home and social distancing orders by refraining from in-person gatherings with people from outside your immediate household. We understand that this is extremely difficult. The better we do now to minimize transmission of the virus, the sooner we can celebrate all together at our annual events and gatherings that make this community one of the best in the valley.

We ask our Selma community to continue to do your part in reducing the virus transmission by wearing masks if you need to be in public to purchase essential items, wash hands frequently, and be on the lookout for the following expanded symptoms as updated by the CDC:

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Chills
- Repeated shaking with chills
- Muscle pain
- Headache
- Sore throat
- New loss of taste or smell

If you have any symptoms please contact your healthcare provider for guidance regardless of your healthcare coverage or ability to afford care. Everyone's health matters and access to care should not be an issue if you are feeling any of the above symptoms. Testing is provided for free at most facilities where available.

Additional Resources and Announcements

Californians for All Volunteer Website

If you have the ability to volunteer your skills or time please visit: www.californiavolunteers.ca.gov

EBT Now Accepted with Online Retailers

Amazon and Walmart can now accept EBT for online purchases. For more info visit: cdss.ca.gov/ebt-online

California Immigrant Support

Visit covid19.ca.gov/guide-immigrant-californians/ for resources and information available in multiple languages. Governor Newsom announced financial support that will be implemented in the coming weeks.

Child Care

Governor Newsom announced a new portal to help parents, including essential workers and vulnerable families, find safe, reliable and accessible child care options. The new portal is available at:

covid19.ca.gov/childcare

Great Plates Delivered

The City is working with local and state agencies to develop a senior meal program that will reimburse local restaurants for providing nutritious meals to members in the community over the age of 65. Details are pending, however if you are interested in participating as a restaurant vendor, senior in need, or volunteer please contact Tracy Tosta, Economic Development Analyst at tracyt@cityofselma.com or 559-891-2260.

Mental Health Warm Line: 559-600-9276 / 559-600-WARM

The County of Fresno operates a free mental health warm-line between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM Monday through Friday. In a time of extreme stress and isolation the City of Selma wants you to know that you are not alone and we will do our best to help you access any resources that we are aware of. We would like to take this moment to encourage the use of this warm line and the 2-1-1 resource below if you feel that you are struggling to stay connected with yourself and those around you.

2-1-1 Fresno County

By dialing this Referral Helpline you can connect to agencies and organizations for a variety of services. This 24/7 service is free, confidential and available in over 170 languages.

Please know that the essential workers at City Hall, Police Department, Fire Department, Public Works, and the Nick Medina Senior Center are here to support this community in any way that we can. Please stay healthy.

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