

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF THE COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO  
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

**May 4, 2021**

**FROM**

**LEONARD X. HERNANDEZ, Chief Executive Officer, County Administrative Office**

**SUBJECT**

Report on Novel Coronavirus

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

1. Receive report providing information and updates on Novel Coronavirus, including the County's Readiness and Recovery Plan.
  2. Provide direction as needed on topics resulting from report.
- (Presenter: Leonard X. Hernandez, Chief Executive Officer, 387-5417)

**COUNTY AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER GOALS & OBJECTIVES**

**Provide for the Safety, Health and Social Service Needs of County Residents.**

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

Approval of this item will not require the use of additional Discretionary General Funding (Net County Cost).

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

COVID-19 originated in Wuhan, China in late 2019 and began spreading, initially, within China and then to other countries. On January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the outbreak to be a "public health emergency of international concern". This was followed on January 31, 2020 by the United States Human Services Secretary declaring a public health emergency.

On March 4, 2020, the State of California declared a state of emergency as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak due to the rising number of confirmed cases and anticipated complications for those infected, including potential deaths. On March 10, 2020, the County Public Health Officer declared a local health emergency to help ensure county government and the public were prepared for the possibility that COVID-19 will appear within the county. On March 10, 2020 (Item No. 75), the Board of Supervisors (Board) proclaimed the existence of a local emergency within San Bernardino County (County) resulting from COVID-19, which causes infectious disease resulting in symptoms of fever, coughing and shortness of breath with outcomes ranging from mild to severe illness and in some cases, death.

Over the last several weeks the County has made significant progress toward minimizing the impacts and spread of COVID-19. Testing and vaccination efforts have resulted in a decrease of hospitalizations and new cases. The County has made it a priority to focus on vaccinating individuals living in hardest-hit communities that represent the lowest quartile zip codes, in addition to senior and homeless communities, by collaborating with community partners to host

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vaccination pop-up sites and mobile clinics throughout the county. As progress is made, the County remains vigilant. This report will include information on COVID-19, including updates on the virus and actions taken by County departments in response to COVID-19. Recommendation No. 2 will allow the Board to provide direction to staff as needed.

**PROCUREMENT**

Not Applicable.

**REVIEW BY OTHERS**

This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (Michelle Blakemore, County Counsel, 387-5455) on April 15, 2021; Finance (Stephenie Shea, Administrative Analyst, 387-4919) on April 15, 2021; and County Finance and Administration (Matthew Erickson, County Chief Financial Officer, 387-5423) on April 15, 2021.

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Public Comment: Nancy Richardson, Kristie Sepulveda-Burchit, Phillip S. Fivgas, Norma Godinez

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Ayes: Col. Paul Cook (Ret.), Janice Rutherford, Dawn Rowe, Curt Hagman, Joe Baca, Jr.

Lynna Monell, CLERK OF THE BOARD

BY   
DATED: May 4, 2021



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