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PRESS RELEASE

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City of Fountain Valley Implements Various Programs to Support Local Businesses

Fountain Valley, CA – The City of Fountain Valley continues to adhere to the direction of Federal, State and/or County pandemic guidance. As we move into Stage 2 of the [Resilience Roadmap](#) where more businesses are able to open, the City has designed several programs in support of local businesses.

Fountain Valley Restaurant Association "Cares" Initiative
The City of Fountain Valley is partnering with the Fountain Valley Restaurant Association (FVRA) in support of the "Care" initiative. The FVRA is celebrating Class of 2020 graduates of Fountain Valley, Valley Vista and Los Amigos High Schools by awarding them with gift cards to Fountain Valley restaurants. It is FVRA's way of thanking you for supporting our local restaurants and showing our graduates we care! Please consider a donation to [Go Fund Me](#) for the FVRA Cares initiative. Donations small and large will go a long way to help our community.

Temporary Emergency Use Permit
On June 2, 2020, the Fountain Valley City Council directed the City Manager to issue an emergency order allowing restaurants, commercial establishments, and religious institutions with access to private sidewalks and/or private parking to utilize portions of those areas for dining, retail services, and operations in accordance with the COVID-19 safety criteria. The consent of the landlord or property-owner must be obtained, and a Temporary Emergency Use Permit has been approved by the City. For more information and access to the Temporary Emergency Use Permit application, please go to [Planning & Building Department](#) or call (714) 593-4425.

Small Business Emergency Relief Grant Program
The City of Fountain Valley received CARES Act Fund allocation from District 2 Supervisor Michelle Steel of $913,000. The City will partner with OC Small Business Development Center in implementing a Small Business Emergency Relief Grant Program, targeting initial deployment of the program during the week of June 8, 2020. Small businesses in Orange County District 2 (south of Warner Avenue to the City limit) with less than 25 employees may be eligible to receive a working capital grant of up to $10,000. Information will be available in the next few days on the [City website](#).

Small Business Emergency Relief Loan Program
The City of Fountain Valley has created the Small Business Emergency Relief Loan Program, which will provide funding to small businesses with less than 25 employees and who need financial assistance to overcoming the temporary loss of revenue due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The

program is subject to the availability of funds, meeting program guidelines and submitting all required information and supporting documentation. These businesses may be eligible to receive a working capital loan of up to $10,000. The loan may be used for working capital to cover the day-to-day business operating expenses, or other similar expenses that occur in the ordinary course of operations. Small business loans will be set at a 2% interest rate for three years, with no prepayment penalty. The Small Business Emergency Relief Loan Program will only be implemented after the funds for the Small Business Emergency Relief Grant Program has been exhausted. Time frame has not been determined.

City of Fountain Valley Resilience Roadmap for Business Reopening
The City of Fountain Valley is providing information to local business owners regarding the Orange County Health Care Agency (HCA) requirements to reopen businesses in the city. The HCA requires business owners and operators who meet Stage 2 criteria to review the State's guidance most relevant to their respective industries on the State's website. To access the City of Fountain Valley Resilience Roadmap for Business Reopening, click here.

To access the latest orders and recommendations from the Orange County HCA in Stage 2 of the Resilience Roadmap, click here. To access the identified list of what is currently open and what remains closed, click here. As a reminder, before reopening, all facilities must:

- Perform a detailed risk assessment and implement a site-specific protection plan;
- Train employees on how to limit the spread of COVID-19, including how to screen themselves for symptoms and stay home if they have them;
- Implement individual control measures and screenings;
- Implement disinfecting protocols;
- Implement physical distancing guidelines

Fountain Valley City Hall, the Police Department, and the Recreation Center have been open to the public since May 18, 2020. The Center at Founders Village (i.e. Fountain Valley Senior Recreation Center) will remain closed until further notice. All Orange County residents must continue to wear a cloth face covering 1) in a public place, 2) visiting a retail, commercial or other place of business or 3) at work when the person is not able to maintain at least 6 feet of physical distance from another person. Please do not enter City facilities if you are sick. Stay home and use alternative methods to contact City staff via email or phone. City services are also available online and via telephone and email.

The City will begin enforcing street sweeping again beginning Monday, June 15, 2020. For information on street sweeping operations and schedule, please visit https://www.fountainvalley.org/194/Trash-Collection-Street-Sweeping-Schedul.

Residents of Fountain Valley are encouraged to stay home if they can and should continue to practice physical distancing, wash hands often, and wear face coverings as outlined above.

The City of Fountain Valley will continue to provide City services via telephone, email and through the web. To view press releases for Fountain Valley and the Orange County Health Care Agency, they are available at www.fountainvalley.org, COVID-19 Information Fountain Valley, or www.ochealthinfo.com.

- For questions about general City services, please call (714) 593-4400 during regular business hours.
- For inquiries related to COVID-19 and resources in OC, call the toll-free hotline at (833)

426-6411.
- For business resources, call the Economic & Business Recovery Call Center at (714) 480-6500.
- Please do not call 9-1-1 unless it is an emergency.

We are following the guidance of the Federal, State and County authorities during the COVID-19 pandemic. The situation is fluid, and information provided in this statement is subject to change. We will update as new information become available.

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