

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA WATERFRONT DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

Date: February 18, 2021
To: Harbor Commission
From: Mike Wiltshire, Waterfront Director
Subject: **Director's Report**

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

Since the last Harbor Commission meeting on January 21, 2021 there have, again, been some changes with respect to COVID. Case counts within Santa Barbara and Southern California, although still near record highs, have been decreasing. Additionally, although still heavily impacted, ICU capacity has been becoming more available due to less severe cases requiring hospitalization.

The most direct impacts to the Waterfront are a result of the Governor's direction to terminate the Stay at Home Order and move back to the Blueprint for a Safer Economy tiered program. Under this program Santa Barbara County reverts back to the purple (widespread) tier. Under this new guidance the restrictions on some of the Waterfront tenants have been relaxed. Changes include:

- Restaurants can open for outdoor dining only
- Museums/Aquariums can open with outdoor service only
- Wineries can open for outdoor service only
- Retail/charters can open at 25% capacity

Although this is still very restrictive it does allow Waterfront tenants to conduct business at some level. As of now, a number of Waterfront restaurants and businesses are open. We encourage you to come safely visit the Waterfront and support our tenants.

Additionally, there has been some changes with vaccine rollout. The State of California recently changed from a model prioritizing essential workers to a purely age based rollout. As of now, those 65 and older are currently eligible to be vaccinated. On a positive note, 100% of Harbor Patrol staff is fully vaccinated after receiving their second dose last week.

TENTATIVE AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

- State Lands Commission Presentation
- Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Recommendation

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