



Press Release

City of Artesia, California

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City of Artesia Provides Substantial Support for Local Businesses During COVID-19 Pandemic

Since the COVID-19 pandemic was declared a local emergency in March by the Artesia City Council, the City has taken many steps to support the local business community and to help them continue to operate safely as much as possible throughout the pandemic. Steps the City has taken including finding ways to work flexibly with businesses to help them stay open in accordance with health guidelines, connecting them to resources, and encouraging residents to shop and dine locally, among many others.

On March 25th, the City was one of the first in the region, and remains one of the only cities locally, to put in place its own residential and commercial eviction moratorium to protect businesses from eviction due to the impacts of COVID-19. Additionally, the City has worked with partners such as the Artesia Chamber of Commerce and the Southeast Los Angeles County Workforce Development Board to promote available grant and loan funding for businesses to support their operations, and maintains a dedicated resource and information page for businesses on the City website. The City has also worked together with local businesses to identify ways to be flexible while maintaining safety in Planning and Code Enforcement to help businesses advertise and operate safely outside, and has put in place a temporary permit program that cut fees and waiting periods for restaurants to stay open with outdoor dining. Public safety resources have been expanded as well to protect and help educate Artesia businesses so they can safely stay open as much as possible.

The City continues to look for more ways to support businesses and will be sharing new opportunities in the near future for businesses. The City hopes Artesia residents can shop and dine at Artesia businesses during this time and will continue sharing opportunities and resources with the community. To learn more about the City's support for businesses and other COVID-19 response information, please visit the City's website at www.cityofartesia.us.

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Located in southeast Los Angeles County, Artesia is a diverse, vibrant city with nearly 18,000 residents and a dynamic business community. The City of Artesia, a leader in sustainability practices and winner of three Beacon Spotlight awards in 2018 and 2019, is focused on serving the community with sound governance, 21st century infrastructure, and a commitment to public safety. To request services or share a question, visit our [Service Request page](#). To stay updated on our projects and events, visit us at CityofArtesia.us, like us on Facebook and follow us on Instagram @OfficialCityofArtesia, and subscribe to our YouTube channel @CityofArtesia.