

THE CORNING FRIDAY NOTES

TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL
FROM: KRISTINA MILLER, CITY MANAGER
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CITY MANAGER:

COVID-19:

Tehama County has recently experienced an increase in the number of positive COVID-19 cases, with a number of the cases identified in the Corning area. Some of these cases were community acquired, whereby no specific place or event was identified as the source of infection.

This data is further exemplified by wastewater COVID-19 sampling results received from the Corning Wastewater Treatment Plant. Biobot Analytics analyzed the concentration of the virus in Corning municipal sewage weekly during the month of May to estimate the actual number of people infected. Results from the May 19, 2020 sample estimated 35 positive cases of COVID-19 in Corning alone. Because of limited clinical testing, the results from Biobot Analytics are a more accurate representation of the prevalence of the virus in the community.

Tehama County Public Health urges asymptomatic people to be tested regularly in order to allow better contact tracing. Contact tracing is critical in slowing the spread of the virus allowing more industries to open and remain open. The OptumServe Community testing site is accepting underinsured, uninsured, undocumented and homeless individuals. Visit <https://lhi.care/covidtesting> and make an appointment to get tested. There are no copays or costs to you.

CVS Pharmacy in Chico is also offering FREE COVID-19 drive-thru testing (supervised self-testing). Online registration is required before getting tested: www.cvs.com/minuteclinic/covid-19-testing.

Dignity Health Solano Street Clinic will also be offering COVID-19 testing thru the month of June.

Tehama County Public Health encourages social distancing of 6', frequent handwashing, and disinfection of commonly touched surfaces. Where social distancing is not possible, cloth face coverings are recommended.

Businesses still not approved to open include: Nail Salons, Tattoo Parlors, Live Theater, Libraries, Playgrounds, Lounges and Nightclubs, Festivals, Theme Parks, and Higher Education. I expect the Guidance to allow on expanded personal services (e.g. Nail Salons, Facials, Electrolysis, Tattoo Parlors, Piercing Shops, Massage Therapy, etc.) to be issued today. The Public Health Officer anticipates allowing these personal service business sectors to open on Tuesday June 16th. I encourage these businesses if they have not already done so to complete and submit their business reopening plan by visiting: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TCCOVIDbizplans>

As of Friday, June 5th there are 20 reported positive cases and 2221 negative tests in Tehama County.

The City will have the opportunity to apply for \$77,000 in grant funding to support businesses and housing for the homeless that have been affected by COVID-19. The cities and County will be working on a coordinated application to assist our businesses during this difficult time. The Tehama County Health Services Agency has access to other funds to assist the homeless. Applications are due in August.

City Pool Reopening:

The Pool Reopening Plan was approved by the Tehama County Public Health Officer and will be posted on the City's website shortly. The City Council approved modified pool operations this

summer that will require registration for public swim on the City's Recreation Department portal: <https://corningrecreation.recdesk.com/Community/Home>. Adult lap swim, adult water aerobics, public swim, and swim team will be offered this summer. In past years, night swim was only offered Tuesdays and Thursdays. To allow more opportunities for public swimming, the City will have night swim Monday through Friday this summer. Many safety measures will be in place to reduce the risk of exposure of COVID-19 and are detailed in the Reopening Plan.

FY 2020/2021 Budget:

The FY 2020/2021 budget will be presented on June 23rd.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

Street Surveys:

The aerial survey of Colusa Street, Toomes Avenue, and Hoag Street was completed this week. NorthStar is scheduled to return next week to complete the survey of 2nd Street and South Street.

Vandalism:

Over the weekend many sprinkler heads were broken at the Skatepark. City Staff has repaired the broken sprinklers.

Wastewater Treatment Plant

The Sulfite Analyzer was installed at the WWTP this week. The City is now in compliance with our permit with the Regional Water Quality Control Board.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Patrol:

In addition to responding to 176 calls for service, a total of 37 officer reports were taken and there were 103 officer-initiated incidents, including 46 traffic stops. Officers made 11 misdemeanor and 3 felony arrests. Officers issued 21 citations, of which; 14 were misdemeanors, 2 were infractions, and 5 was parking during the period of June 3, 2020 through June 10, 2020.

Training:

Officers continue to participate in POST Portal Training and Lexipol Daily Training Bulletins. Other POST on-line training continues for Patrol and Dispatch personnel.

Notice:

For the health and safety of our Citizens, Officers, Dispatchers and staff our lobby will remain closed due to COVID 19. Please use the intercom system at the lobby door if you need our assistance.

“Nothing is what it seems to be, but everything is exactly what it is.”

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Corning Volunteer Fire Department (CVFD) Call Volume:

The Corning Volunteer Fire Department responded to 15 calls for service last week, they consisted of: 8 medicals, 1 fire, 2 mutual aid fires with CAL Fire, 2 investigations, and 2 public service call.

The Orland and Artois Volunteer Fire Departments Call Volume:

The Orland and Artois Volunteer Fire Departments were dispatched to a combined total of 13 calls for service last week, they consisted of: 5 medicals, 3 fires, 2 traffic collisions and 3 public service calls.

Training:

Training for the CVFD consisted of our monthly business meeting.

“Success is not final; failure is not fatal; it is the courage to continue that counts.”

Winston Churchill