

THE CORNING FRIDAY NOTES

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

Business Assistance:

The County Variance Plan to reopen faster than the rest of the State was approved on Wednesday May 13th. You can find the Plan at:

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Local-Variance-Attestations.aspx>

This allows the County and the City of Corning to more quickly move through Phase 2. Tehama County Public Health will be issuing the certificates to those businesses that submitted plans, I anticipate before the close of business today. There were concerns of emailing the certificates directly to businesses due to the possibility of forgery of the Public Health Officer's signature for other purposes. The City will be emailed the certificates. I instructed Christina Meeds to hand deliver the certificates to businesses as soon as we are in receipt. This may occur over the weekend. Only those businesses approved to reopen as part of the Plan will be given their certificates. Currently all businesses in stage 2 can reopen with approved Reopening Plans. These businesses included retail, manufacturers and logistics to support retail, childcare, office-based business (telework is still strongly encouraged), car washes, pet grooming, landscape gardening, outdoor museums, open gallery spaces and other public spaces with modifications, dine in restaurants, and schools with modifications. Businesses that have not already done so should submit their Reopening Plans (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TCCOVIDbizplans>) immediately.

20 sectoral industry guidelines including agriculture and livestock, auto dealerships, communications infrastructure, construction, delivery services, energy and utilities, food packing, hotels and lodging, life sciences, manufacturing, mining and logging, office workspaces, ports, public transit and intercity passenger rail, real estate and retail. Those guidelines can be found here: <https://covid19.ca.gov/industry-guidance/>. Businesses still not approved to open include: personal services such as nail salons, tattoo parlors, hair salons, gyms and fitness studios, entertainment venues, indoor museums, zoos, libraries, community centers including public pools, playgrounds, and picnic areas, limited-capacity religious services, nightclubs, festivals, theme parks, hotels for leisure and tourism, and higher education.

As a word of caution, it is incredibly important businesses and residents follow social distancing, wear personal protective equipment as appropriate and advised by the CDC, and partake in proper disinfection and hygiene. I want this reopening to be successful to allow us not only to remain open, but so we can further open more and more businesses.

I am working to reopen City Hall to the public. I am very proud of all City employees in their transition during this difficult time. We are the only jurisdiction that was quickly able to adapt to telework with all services continuing to be provided. All employees while working remotely have access to the City server and email. All City phone lines are forwarded to employee personal cell phones so that customers can continue to receive service as usual. Thanks to the quick work of City staff (Thank you Angel Garman and Mary Brimm) we were able to quickly adapt to allow building plans and permits to be submitted and paid for online. We will be constructing a plastic barrier at the front counter to provide a safe barrier. As soon as the plastic barrier is installed, we will reopen City Hall. Our reopening plan will be submitted to Tehama County Public Health today. Among increased disinfection, workspaces were reconfigured where necessary to provide physical distancing. In the meantime, City staff will be trained on the new protocols. Disinfection supplies and PPE will be purchased. The use of shared equipment will be minimized and where necessary with increased disinfection. Employees will be voluntarily asked to take their temperature before

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and during each workday. It is incredibly important to provide a safe place for both customers and employees. Again, we want to ensure the reopening is successful.

COVID-19 Testing:

A testing location in Corning at the High School will be open on Monday May 18th, both asymptomatic and symptomatic people are encouraged to test. They want to test as many people as possible. You must have an appointment. You can schedule an appointment by visiting: <https://lhi.care/start>. Thus far we have tested 702 individuals with 701 being negative. **Our 2nd positive case was reported today.**

Please note, seven (7) cases in the last three (3) days have been reported in Glenn County originating from two businesses that are next door from each other in Orland. Again, I strongly encourage the Corning community to follow social distancing, disinfection, and hygiene to ensure our reopening is successful.

Stanford University is also testing our infection rate from sewage received at our wastewater treatment plant. These results will not be immediately available. The City is engaging another firm, Biobot, to provide similar testing for the month of May. As soon as the data is available, I will present it.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

Water Leak:

A waterline leak was discovered in Fig Lane this week near 2nd Street. City crews have exposed and repaired the leak in an existing service line.

Yost Park Playground:

Public Works Staff has removed the existing play equipment and is working on removing the existing pea gravel. Staff met with Evan Johnson Construction to review the proposed sidewalk placement along Tehama Street adjacent to the park. It is anticipated that this work will start within the next two weeks.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Patrol:

In addition to responding to 155 calls for service, a total of 23 officer reports were taken and there were 100 officer-initiated incidents, including 37 traffic stops. Officers made 10 misdemeanor and 2 felony arrests. Officers issued 18 citations, of which; 10 were misdemeanors, 4 were infractions and 4 were parking during the period of May 6, 2020 through May 13, 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.

“Success in life comes when you simply refuse to give up, with goals so strong that obstacles, failure, and loss only act as motivation.”

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Corning Volunteer Fire Department Call Volume:

The Corning Volunteer Fire Department responded to 25 calls for service last week, they consisted of: 2 mutual aid fires, 2 vegetation fires, 20 medicals and 1 public service call.

Orland, Artois, and Capay Volunteer Fire Departments Call Volume:

The Orland, Artois and Capay Volunteer Fire Departments were dispatched to 13 calls for service last week, they consisted of: 8 medicals, 4 vegetation fires and 1 vehicle fire.

Weed Abatement:

With the cooler weather and little rain, it is a great time to mow or disc your large properties!!

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**“The people of these United States are the rightful masters of both Congress and courts.
Not to overthrow The Constitution. But to overthrow the men who pervert The
Constitution.” Abraham Lincoln**