

## THE CORNING FRIDAY NOTES

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

#### **Business Assistance:**

I received information that more Paycheck Protection forgivable loans were being awarded to Corning businesses as part of the second cycle. This is good news.

The Governor announced [guidance](#) has been released for the modification of the statewide stay-at-home order moving the State into the early part of Stage 2 of lower-risk workplaces - including retail, manufacturing and logistics. Stage 2 expansion will be phased in. The County of Tehama (including Corning) will be one of the counties that will be allowed to reopen faster than the rest of the State, possibly as soon as May 13<sup>th</sup>. The County Public Health Officer is hoping to receive technical assistance on the County's Readiness Plan on Saturday May 9<sup>th</sup> by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH). A letter of support for the Readiness Plan will be considered by the Board of Supervisors during a Special Meeting on May 11<sup>th</sup>, which will then be submitted to CDPH. Assuming CDPH approval of the County Readiness Plan, businesses with approved Reopening Plans will be allowed to reopen. A certification form will be provided by Tehama County Public Health once a business is approved to reopen. The certification will not be issued until the County Public Health Officer attests to the Readiness Plan and receives affirmation from the State Department of Public Health. The certification will need to be placed in the businesses front window. Businesses should submit their Reopening Plans (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TCCOVIDbizplans>) immediately to best position themselves to open using the attached Business Reopening Guidance. I cannot speak to which businesses will be able to open and to what levels at this point, as this must be discussed with CDPH. The Public Health Officer is going to ask for some State identified Stage 3 businesses to be allowed to open in Tehama County. With new guidance received from the State, it does not appear this will be approved. The Public Health Officer is going to do his best to make a good case.

The California Office of Emergency Services issued a letter to Yuba-Sutter County in response to their advancing beyond the State's Order. The letter indicated Yuba-Sutter's, "actions could threaten Sutter County's eligibility for disaster funding," for their response efforts. Should they experience a surge they would not receive any funding for their negligent acts.

For 17 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/roadmap/>. Unfortunately, this does not mean these sectors can open or completely open. It is simply a tool for businesses to use in the meantime to prepare to open.

As a word of caution, businesses (with licenses from the State) that reopen faster than the State may be at risk. The Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control may pursue administrative action against the licensed premises, an action that could result in the suspension or revocation of the license. Further, during a regional City Manager's discussion it was announced that cosmetologists were also receiving letters stating they will lose their license if they reopen faster than what is allowed.

\$82,000 is allocated to the City of Corning through the CARES ACT for COVID-related response efforts. The funds must be applied for through Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and can be used for:

- 1) Expand or convert a building to be used to isolate the positive
- 2) Housing facilities for persons experiencing homelessness
- 3) Economic Development

The applications will be due around June 1<sup>st</sup>. The City can use the funds to retool our businesses for e-commerce, utility expenses for those impacted, or rent/mortgage assistance that does not have to be repaid. The Business Recovery Task Force (coordinated by the Job Training Center and 3CORE) is surveying businesses to identify their needs.

#### **COVID-19 Testing:**

**A testing location in Red Bluff at the Community Center is now open, 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>. The testing location will be moved at some point to Corning. Corning residents may schedule an appointment in Red Bluff. This is good news. If we can document we have a low infection rate (even with ramped up testing), surge capacity, and adequate human resource capacity, the Governor will be more inclined to lessen the order in Tehama County even further.

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.

#### **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:**

##### **Vandalism:**

City crews have repaired some of the irrigation line in the N. Alex Lane and Blackburn Landscape and Lighting Districts that was damaged due to vandalism.

##### **Transportation Center:**

A waterline leak was discovered in the wall of the PAL's restroom which adjoins the Probation Office restroom located in the Transportation Center. Flooding in the Probation Office restroom occurred due to the leak. The leak has been repaired along with the portion of the wall that had to be removed to repair the leak. Staff will be watching the vinyl floor tiles in the Probation Office restroom to make sure that they do not need to be replaced due to the flooding.

##### **Yost Park Playground:**

The new play equipment was delivered on Thursday for the Yost Park Playground. With the arrival of the new play equipment Public Works Staff will be working on removing the existing play equipment and pea gravel in preparation of the installation of the new equipment and bark.

##### **Animal Shelter Building:**

Public Works Staff has continued with the demolition of the animal shelter block building as time allows.

#### **POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

##### **Patrol:**

In addition to responding to 144 calls for service, a total of 19 officer reports were taken and there were 78 officer-initiated incidents, including 36 traffic stops. Officers made 3 misdemeanor and 2 felony arrests. Officers issued 4 citations, of which; 3 were misdemeanors and 1 was parking during the period of April 29, 2020 through May 6, 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.

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## **FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

### **Corning Volunteer Fire Department Call Volume:**

The Corning Volunteer Fire Department responded to 17 calls for service last week, they consisted of: 4 fires, 2 mutual aid fires, 10 medicals and 1 public service call.

### **Orland, Artois, Ord Bend, Bayliss and Glenn Codora Volunteer Fire Departments Call Volume:**

The combined total of dispatched incidents for these Departments were 13 calls for service last week. These consisted off: 4 medical, 3 traffic collisions, 4 fires, 1 mutual aid, and 1 public service.

### **Training:**

Training for the Corning Volunteer Fire Department consisted of pump operations on Engine 12 and 14.

### **Weed Abatement:**

It's drying out fast, please mow and take care of your properties!!

**“Show respect even to people who don’t deserve it; not as a reflection of their character, but as a reflection of yours” – Dave Willis**