



Terminating the COVID-19 Emergency

Monterey City Council
February 21, 2023



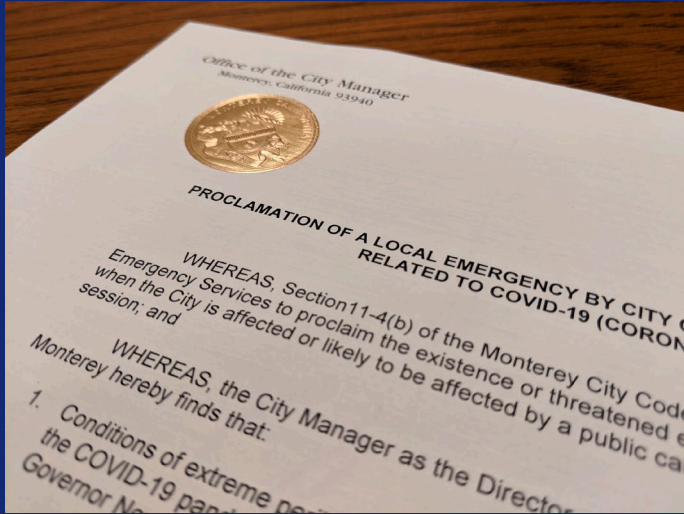
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Staff Recommendation

1. Terminating the Local Emergency and Related COVID-19 Resolutions and Ordinances on February 28, 2023
2. Provide Direction on the Use of Masks in City Council Chambers
3. Extend Existing Temporary Outdoor Business Permits and Outdoor Heaters on the Wharves until December 31, 2023



History of the COVID-19 Local Emergency



- March 13, 2020: City Manager Proclaimed Local Emergency
- March 17, 2020: Local Emergency Ratified by City Council



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- EOC Operations Launched
- Mask & Face Covering Policies
- 17 Resolutions and Ordinances between March 17, 2020 and August 17, 2021
- 396 E-mail Blasts

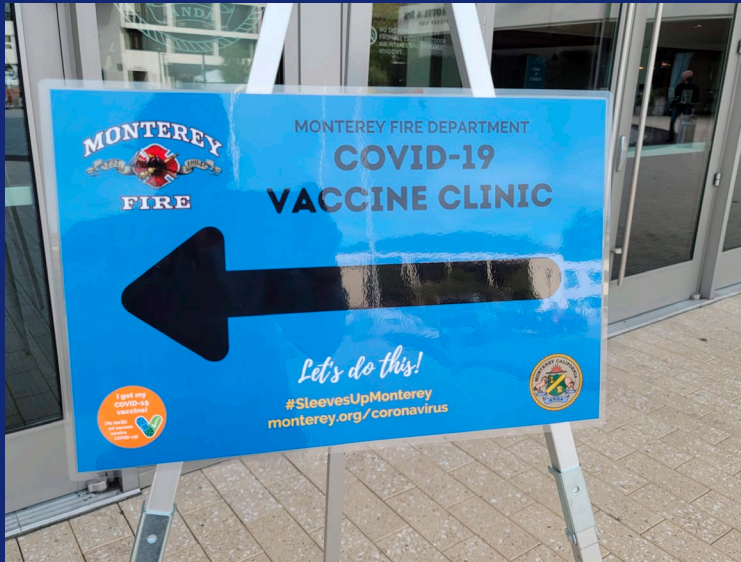


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- 114 clinics offered
- Over 8,000 vaccine doses administered by the Monterey Fire Dept.
- CDC: 81.3% of Monterey County residents over 5 years of age completed the primary series of the vaccine



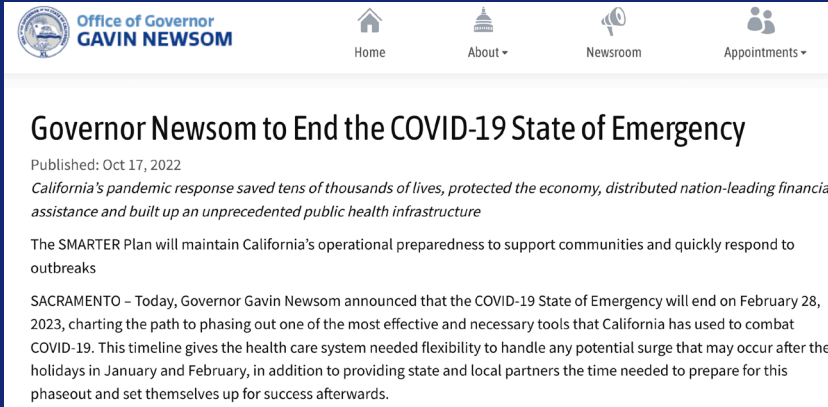
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- 500 Hearts at Friendly Plaza
- Operation Outreach
- COVID-19 Memorial
- \$800,000 in Emergency Rental Assistance
- \$1 million in Local Economic Stimulus Plan (LESP) Funding to 86 Local Businesses
- Served over 25,000 people through produce distribution



Recommendation to Terminate the Local Emergency



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Governor Newsom to End the COVID-19 State of Emergency

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California's pandemic response saved tens of thousands of lives, protected the economy, distributed nation-leading financial assistance and built up an unprecedented public health infrastructure

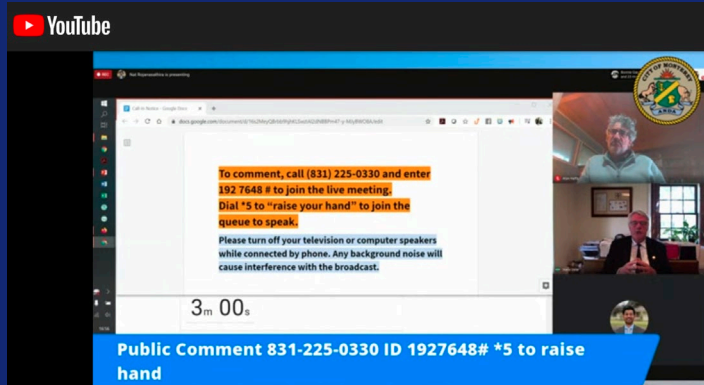
The SMARTER Plan will maintain California's operational preparedness to support communities and quickly respond to outbreaks

SACRAMENTO – Today, Governor Gavin Newsom announced that the COVID-19 State of Emergency will end on February 28, 2023, charting the path to phasing out one of the most effective and necessary tools that California has used to combat COVID-19. This timeline gives the health care system needed flexibility to handle any potential surge that may occur after the holidays in January and February, in addition to providing state and local partners the time needed to prepare for this phaseout and set themselves up for success afterwards.

- Although COVID-19 is still contagious, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), COVID-19 vaccines are safe and reduce COVID-19 mortality.
- Vaccines are widely available in Monterey County



Mask Policy for City Council Chambers



- July 2020: City Council Adopts CDPH Face Covering Guidelines
- April 7, 2020 - June 1, 2021: All-Virtual Meetings
- June 15, 2021: Hybrid Meetings with Face Coverings Required In Person
- September 2022: CDPH Guidance – Mask Coverings Optional



Mask Policy Recommendation



- Face Coverings Strongly Recommended in Council Chambers When CDC's Monterey County Community Rate is Medium or High
- Individuals Can Always Choose to Wear Masks



Outdoor Seating



- Resos. 20-125 and 20-172 ratified the City Manager's Orders to Allow Temporary Outdoor Business Permits
- March 31, 2023: Authorization to conduct business on sidewalks, parking lots end; and outdoor heaters on wharves
- Staff recommends extending policies until Dec. 31, 2023 to coincide with Coastal Commission permit review
- Businesses must comply with MPWMD



Staff Recommendation - Recap

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