

Date: July 2, 2021

To: Thomas B. Modica, City Manager 

From: Joe Ambrosini, Director of Human Resources 

For: Mayor and Members of the City Council

Subject: **Civic Chambers Re-Opening-Updated Protocols for July 6 Council Meeting**

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) recently released guidelines for the statewide reopening on June 15, 2021. CDPH stated that all sectors (with limited exceptions) may return to normal business operations based on the specified, public health recommendations contained in their memorandum. The City has prepared to resume normal operations through a phased-in approach in which the Civic Chambers re-opened for staff (only) on June 15, 2021. The City has completed the meet and confer process related to the Civic Chambers Re-Opening with the impacted associations and is prepared to re-open to the public for in-person attendance at the City Council meeting scheduled for July 6, 2021.

Safety Precautions

In accordance with State-issued guidelines, the City intends to move forward with the following safety precautions:

Members of the Public:

- **Self-Attestation:** All attendees will self-attest that they are in compliance with the CDPH guidelines and will not be asked about their vaccination status prior to entering Civic Chambers. Signage located at the entrances of City Hall and Civic Chambers will inform visitors of the self-attestation process and guidelines.
- **Face coverings** will be required at all times for any unvaccinated attendee (including children in age groups not yet eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine) inside of Civic Chambers. Face coverings will be provided, upon request, for use inside of the building. While fully vaccinated individuals are not required to wear face coverings, it is encouraged to do so if around unvaccinated individuals.
- **Seating:** To provide adequate spacing for members of the public, every other chair will be marked off as unavailable. Additional overflow seating may be available in the lobby, if needed.

Public Officials and Staff:

- **Face Coverings:** Public Officials and staff that have completed the City's COVID-19 Attestation Form and affirmed that they are fully vaccinated, as defined by Cal/OSHA, are not required to wear face coverings. Public Officials and staff that designate they are not fully vaccinated, choose not to disclose, or have not yet completed the form, are required to wear face coverings at all times.

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- **Cleaning/Disinfecting:** All employees will be asked to maintain their work areas and disinfect periodically, as needed. Cleaning supplies and hand sanitizer will continue to be provided to employees for this purpose.

The City will continue to monitor all relevant guidance to advance employee and public's safety in regard to COVID-19 including, but not limited to, communications from CDPH, CalOSHA, Center for Disease Control (CDC), and the Long Beach Health and Human Services Department.

If you have any questions, please contact Dana Anderson, Manager of Labor Relations and Benefits Administration, at (562) 570-6254.

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