Terminating the COVID-19 Emergency

Monterey City Council
February 21, 2023
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
History of the COVID-19 Local Emergency

- 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
History of the COVID-19 Local Emergency

- 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

- 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

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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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