



Staff Report

TO: Mayor and City Council Members
FROM: Todd Parton, City Manager
DATE May 5, 2020
SUBJECT: Receive an Update Regarding the Existing COVID-19 Pandemic and Provide Direction to City Staff

Background and Analysis:

City Council has requested that City staff provide an update regarding the myriad of Federal, State and County guidelines and orders related to the COVID – 19 pandemic. These guidelines and orders have resulted in various requirements for sheltering in place and social distancing. The City of Beaumont's role has been limited to implementing orders issued by the Riverside County Health Official which have included directives to the Riverside County Sheriff's Office and local law enforcement agencies.

City staff actively monitors gubernatorial orders for modifications and any follow-on modifications to Riverside County Health Official orders. The Riverside County Board of Supervisors is scheduled to consider issuing an order to the Riverside County Health Officer to rescind all County orders at its meeting of Tuesday, May 5, 2020. Board action is expected to occur prior to the City Council meeting. Should the Board take this action, this will significantly alter the existing COVID – 19 related operations and programming. City staff will be prepared to provide a comprehensive report at the City Council meeting.

Public health orders issued in response to major regional or national events are derived from a multi-agency process that generally flows from higher levels of government to lower levels of government. With regard to the existing COVID – 19 pandemic, the City of Beaumont is tasked with interpretation and implementation of Federal recommendations/guidelines, State of California gubernatorial orders and Riverside County Health Officer orders. The various guidelines and orders impact critical personnel operations specifically related to issues like workplace safety, unemployment and workers compensation. They also have broader community impacts on daily personal activities and business operations.

Throughout the COVID -19 pandemic, the City of Beaumont has not implemented any local orders or guidelines. It has reacted to and implemented guidelines and orders issued by other governmental entities. Included below is a graphic that demonstrates the hierarchical relationships between the various levels of government.



Fiscal Impact:

City staff estimates that it cost approximately \$375 to draft this report.

Recommended Action:

Receive the City staff update and provide any direction as deemed appropriate by the City Council.