

# Fairfax Update

## Special Edition

During this crisis, the Town will be sending out weekly newsletters with reminders and updates on Covid-19 and Town services.



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### Help Stop the Spread

We need everyone's help and cooperation right now to reduce the spread of the virus. Complying with the shelter in place order and practicing social distancing when it's absolutely necessary to leave your home, is more vital than ever. Everyone should stay home except to get food, care for a relative or friend, get necessary health care, or go to an essential job. You can go outside for walks or other exercise as long as you are not in a group and stay at least 6 feet away from others.

Avoiding groups means no playdates, no meeting up with friends, and no visitors. The goal is to minimize communal contacts and interactions to slow the spread of this virus. These measures may feel extreme, but they are critical to protect our loved ones and neighbors. Working together, we can reduce the spread of the coronavirus and save lives.

# SHELTER IN PLACE IS NOT A VACATION.

These temporary restrictions are aimed at saving lives.  
We encourage you to go outside in your neighborhoods, but in moderation.

## #KeepCommunity

### STAY LOCAL

Please avoid traveling by car whenever possible, and remember that the shelter in place order encourages everyone to stay as close to home as possible.

### PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING

While it may be tempting to meet up with friends for a day at the beach, we still need to be at least 6 feet away from people outside our household to help prevent COVID-19 from spreading.

### SEEK THE PATH LESS TRAVELED... CLOSE TO YOUR HOME

If we all congregate at the same hiking trail, beach, or park, it will be difficult to practice appropriate social distancing.



## New Ban on Resident and Business Evictions Applies to Fairfax

On March 24, 2020, Marin County Board of Supervisors approved an emergency resolution to prevent residents and business owners from being evicted because of a sudden loss of income tied to the [COVID-19 pandemic](#). This **ban is in effect countywide in every city, town (including Fairfax), and unincorporated area of Marin County** and lasts until May 31, 2020, unless extended by the Board of Supervisors.

The resolution requires renters and lease holders to notify their landlord within 30 days after the rent is due that they are unable to pay because of financial impacts related to COVID-19. A landlord

may seek payment of unpaid rent after the expiration of the local emergency, but may not charge late fees. For details, visit the [Renter and Landlord Resources webpage](#).

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## Fairfax Businesses -- Who is Open?

The Fairfax Chamber of Commerce has set up a [webpage](#) to keep you up to date on who's open, who's closed, and who's changing their services to best serve customers. Support our local businesses!

| <br><b>HOW TO CONTINUE SUPPORTING SMALL BUSINESSES DURING THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK</b>  |   |
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| <br><b>1) BUY GIFT CARDS</b><br>Support small business owners by buying gift cards to use once they are back in business.  | <b>3) SHOP ONLINE</b><br>A lot of small businesses are still offering online sales. If you want to support local boutiques, try shopping their website.<br>      |
| <b>2) ORDER TAKE-OUT</b><br>Even though many of your local small businesses aren't seating customers, they might still be offering take-out or delivery. Maybe even tip a little extra if you can!<br> | <b>4) GET INTO CROWDFUNDING</b><br>A lot of businesses are having crowdfunding campaigns to pay their workers and stay afloat. Consider donating if you can.<br>   |
|   | <b>5) STOCK UP LOCALLY</b><br>Instead of hitting up large chains to stock up on necessities, check your local small businesses first for food and supplies.<br> |

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## Sign Up to Receive Updates From the Town

We encourage residents and businesses to [sign-up/subscribe](#) to receive a variety information from the Town such as newsletters, Town Council agendas, and updates on such projects as Marinda Heights. Just pick the ones you want to receive.

### COVID-19 Hotline and Public Health Email

Call: 415-473-7191

Email: [COVID-19@marincounty.org](mailto:COVID-19@marincounty.org)

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## Town of Fairfax COVID-19 Resources Page

We have set up a dedicated webpage: [www.townoffairfax.org/coronavirus-updates-resources](http://www.townoffairfax.org/coronavirus-updates-resources) to update our community on the latest developments related to COVID-19 in Fairfax, and provide you with resources including links to [Marin County Public Health](#) and the [Centers for Disease Control](#), and the Fairfax Chamber of Commerce.

## New Program to Match Local Residents in Need with Volunteers to Assist Them

The Town has established a 1 to 1 volunteer matching service to support and protect people in need during this difficult time.

If you are a **resident** who needs extra help to get through this time, please click [here](#).

If you are a **volunteer** to assist a resident in need, click [here](#).

### **Town Facilities and Parks Closed**

Since Monday, March 16, all Town facilities have been closed to the public, with a shift in services, where possible, to online, phone, and by appointment only.

Peri Park Playground is closed due to the order from the Health Department. Peri Park, Bolinas Park, & Doc Edgar Park are open to the public, but please remember to maintain social distancing. The County has closed all parks to motorized access. However, the County indicates it is ok for community members to walk or bike through their local trail or park site to get to open space as long as they are observing social distancing.

For more clarification, visit the [Marin County Parks](#) shelter in place info page regarding County parks.

### **Fairfax Police**

The Police Department is open 24/7 as always. However, the Police Lobby is closed to the public. For non-essential services, please call Dispatch at 415-453-5330 and they will assist you by phone instead of in-person.

### **Fairfax Town Council Meeting**

The next Town Council meeting will be on April 15, 2020. To protect the health of the public, staff, and Councilmembers, this will be a virtual meeting. Stay tuned for details on how you - the public - can participate!

### **Fairfax Branch of the Marin County Library**

The library is closed but you can still visit them online to access digital books, media, videos, TV, and more. Check it out! [www.marinlibrary.org/access-the-library-from-home](http://www.marinlibrary.org/access-the-library-from-home)

### **Let's Talk Toilet Paper...and What NOT to Flush!**

Everyone's home and everyone's doing a lot of sanitizing, using disposable wipes as if they owned stock in Clorox. All good, unless that wipe gets put in the toilet. Our sanitary districts across the county are reminding all residents of the importance of only flushing toilet paper down the toilet. Sanitary wipes marketed and sold as

“flushable wipes” aren’t and can severely impact the sewer pipes in your neighborhood causing blockages and overflows into your home.

Paper towels, disinfecting wipes, flushable wipes, and all other materials besides toilet paper should always be disposed of properly inside of a trash container. The sewer system is not designed for thicker wipes and paper products.

If you’re not convinced yet, and need some entertainment, [watch this video](#) to learn more.

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## CENSUS 2020

You can complete your census [online](#)! Census 2020 is our once-a-decade opportunity to count *every person* living in the United States. The 2020 count will shape how tax dollars are shared over the next decade until the next count occurs. Census numbers help guide how funding is distributed for schools, roads, and other public services in our local communities.

**Every person counts**—regardless of citizenship or immigration status. Need help completing your Census? The Census Bureau has [toll free numbers](#) that are open seven days a week 4:00 AM – 11:00 PM.

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