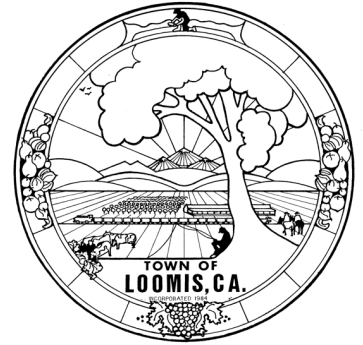


TOWN OF LOOMIS



TO: Honorable Mayor and Council Members
FROM: Sean Rabé, Town Manager
DATE: December 8, 2020
SUBJECT: Town Manager Report for December 2020 Council Meeting

Mayor and Council Members,

The following report provides an update on some of the major activities Town Staff has been working on in the past month.

COVID-19 Update:

The status of California's and Placer County's COVID-19 status continues to be very fluid.

Governor Gavin Newsom recently instituted a new regional approach to COVID-19 restrictions, in addition to the color tier approach of the Blueprint for a Safer Economy. This new regional approach would see a stay-at-home order issued for a region if that area's Intensive Care Unit (ICU) capacity drops below 15 percent in a given region.

Placer County was moved to the purple tier of the Blueprint last month. Placer County has been placed in the "Greater Sacramento" region the regional ICU capacity. According to the State's COVID-19 dashboard, the Greater Sacramento Region has 18.8 percent ICU capacity, meaning that our area is not yet facing a regional shut down order. If our region is issued a stay-at-home order, residents are required to stay at home as much as possible and to stop mixing between households that can lead to COVID-19 spread. The goal of the Regional Stay Home Order is to help stop the surge and prevent overwhelming regional ICU capacity.

Under the order, the following sectors are allowed to remain open with safety precautions:

- Critical infrastructure (when remote option is not possible)
- Schools
- Non-urgent medical and dental care
- Child care and pre-K

The following sectors will have additional modifications in addition to 100% masking and physical distancing:

- **Outdoor recreational facilities:** Allow outdoor operation only for the purpose of facilitating physically distanced personal health and wellness through outdoor exercise, without any food, drink or alcohol sales. Additionally, overnight stays at campgrounds will not be permitted.
- **Retail:** Allow indoor operation at 20% capacity, and 35% of capacity for standalone grocery stores, with entrance metering and no eating or drinking in the stores. Additionally, special hours should be instituted for seniors and others with chronic conditions or compromised immune systems.

- **Shopping centers:** Allow indoor access at 20% capacity with entrance metering and no eating or drinking in the stores. Additionally, special hours should be instituted for seniors and others with chronic conditions or compromised immune systems.
- **Hotels and lodging:** Allow for COVID-19 mitigation and containment measures, treatment measures, provide accommodation for essential workers, or providing housing solutions, including measures to protect homeless populations.
- **Restaurants:** Allow only for take out or delivery.
- **Offices:** Allow remote only except for critical infrastructure sectors where remote working is not possible.
- **Places of worship and political expression:** Allow outdoor activities only.
- **Entertainment production:** Industries, studios, and other related establishments such as establishments that provide content for professional broadcast can operate without live audiences.

In any region that triggers a Regional Stay Home Order because it drops below 15% ICU capacity all operations in the following sectors must be closed (except to the extent that their operations fall within critical infrastructure):

- Indoor and outdoor playgrounds
- Hair salons and barbershops
- Personal care services
- Museums, zoos, and aquariums
- Movie theaters (except drive-in)
- Wineries, bars, breweries, and distilleries
- Family entertainment centers
- Cardrooms and satellite wagering
- Limited services
- Live audience sports
- Amusement parks

Town operations continue to move forward as they have for the past few months. While we anticipated reopening the Library, we have chosen to hold off on that action at least until Placer County moves out of the purple tier.

The State provided Placer County and its cities during the Summer with a stockpile of paper masks and hand sanitizer. The masks and sanitizer can only be used for local businesses, per State mandate. The Chamber of Commerce will be holding another distribution of masks and sanitizer for businesses in the upcoming weeks. Please contact the Chamber for more information.

The public counter hours at Town Hall remain 9 am to noon, Monday through Thursday. Building inspections continue as well.

Please remember to wear a face covering in public, social distance, and wash your hands.

Mailbox Thefts and Vandalism

The Town has been made aware of several mailbox thefts throughout Town, and several cases of vandalism or theft of Holiday decorations. Apparently the Grinches have been rather active recently. I have spoken with Placer County Sheriff's Office Loomis Substation Lieutenant Brian Silva about the uptick in crime. He has assured me that the PCSO is actively working on the problems. His advice, as PCSO has posted on their Loomis Facebook Page, is to check your mail each day and leave exterior lights on at night.

Lieutenant Silva will present an update on Loomis crime statistics and the PCSO response at the January Council meeting.

Rural Main Street Technical Assistance Program

The presentation wrapping up the first phase of this program was held last night, through Zoom. Michele Reeves provided a robust discussion of Loomis' Civic Identity, which will continue to feed into the larger General Plan Update.

Costco

As you know, Council approved the Costco project back in September. The Town is currently facing three lawsuits regarding the project. Those suits continue to work themselves through the process.

Town Manager Tuesdays

The Town Manager Tuesday events are on hiatus for November and December due to their proximity to Thanksgiving and Christmas. I will start the event back up in January, likely through Zoom.

QUESTIONS? Call me at the number below or email me at srabe@loomis.ca.gov.