Message from the Mayor – 4.9.2020

Topics: Passover/Easter & recommendation to wear face covering

Dear Daly City Community,

With religious holidays happening this week, including Passover and Easter, I want to remind you that the Countywide Shelter-in-Place Order and the Statewide Stay at Home Order remain fully in effect. These Orders prevent any types of gatherings, including religious gatherings at places of worship and celebrations of extended family within your homes. I know that staying home, except for the most essential activities, has caused you all a great deal of stress, with feelings of isolation becoming particularly acute during these times of the year when you would normally spend quality time with family and friends.

Please heed the warnings of the County Health Officer and remain home this week and weekend. Your resolve to beat COVID-19 is very apparent, as our County has showed one of the best responses in staying home! But, we must continue to do so now more than ever in order to flatten the curve. Family gatherings right now could have disastrous consequences. Remember, many people that have COVID-19 might not show any symptoms at all. We must think of our grandparents, parents and other relatives that fall in high risk groups and remain physically apart to protect their lives.

With that said, please connect virtually! My own family will be joining a Zoom meeting and using FaceTime and other apps to connect this weekend. There are so many virtual apps that allow us to stay in touch. Now is the time to use them – connect with your loved ones and friends, play games together virtually and check in with each other just as you normally would during these religious observances. Or simply give your family a call!

I am also recommending that everyone wear masks. This includes all workers working in essential businesses that are open, along with all customers and patrons. This is to protect everyone, as some people may be asymptomatic. The Bay Area Counties recently issued guidance on wearing a cloth face covering over your nose and mouth when leaving the house for essential activities. While medical masks should be preserved for health care workers and first responders, you can use bandanas, fabric masks made of t-shirts, towels, scarves or sweatshirts, and neck gaiters to cover your nose and mouth. One of the reasons why cloth face coverings can help slow the spread of COVID-19 is that people with no or mild symptoms may have coronavirus and not know it. Wearing a face covering helps protect
no or mild symptoms may have coronavirus and not know it. Wearing a face covering helps protect others from exposure. Face coverings should be washed frequently with detergent and hot water and dried on a hot cycle. Ideally, wash your face covering after each use and have a dedicated laundry bag or bin. You can read more about the new recommendation at www.smegov.org.

Please continue to stay home, frequently wash your hands and stick to social distancing of 6’ between others when outside your home for essential activities. Check our website homepage, www.daly.city.org, for a variety of resources and information on COVID-19.

I hope you all stay well.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Glenn Sylvester

Mayor, City of Daly City