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In keeping with recommended protocols for dealing with the COVID-19 virus aka Coronavirus, RDP luncheons and most meetings are cancelled until further notice.



Bulletin Riverside Downtown Business Improvement District

IDA Survey on Reopening

Many states and communities are rethinking the pace of reopening due to recent spikes in COVID-19 cases. During this uncertain time, it is critical for city and downtown leaders to know how their residents are feeling about reopening and their priorities concerning safety and economic issues.

As a service to its members, the International Downtown Association (IDA) partnered with RRC Associates to survey residents and provide insights into their opinions. The Riverside Downtown Partnership (RDP) participated in the survey which also compares the results from Downtown Riverside to the overall pool of respondents from the US and Canada. Initial consumer survey results compiled are now available in the Urban District Consumer Survey: Overall Results Report (Edition One) with subsequent updates expected in the weeks ahead.

Current sentiments clearly indicate only 19% of respondents believe reopenings are happening too slow or are unsure, 50% believe we are moving too quickly, and 31% feel it is about right. Consumers are less interested in large sports or entertainment gatherings, be it indoors or out, and show a preference for outdoor farmers markets and festivals over indoor dining. However, very strong interest in visiting parks/playgrounds, restaurants with outdoor dining and, most notably, offices and professional firms not open to the public all rank very high. This result indicates that the return of office workers perhaps is a step forward toward recovery.

The survey overwhelmingly depicts that consumers expect reliable precautions to be in place. Precautions must include regular disinfecting, wearing of masks by employees as well as customers, and following physical distance standards. At the very top of the list...availability of hand sanitizer. The study also includes current and expected spending patterns in aggregate which is most relevant to the districts who receive their local report comparing the national trends but provides a general lens into spending for all readers.

Riverside had 107 respondents compared to 1,612 nationally. The initial results indicate that our respondents are more eager to get businesses reopened and more willing to visit them once they're allowed to. They are also much more willing to welcome visitors to Riverside than the national average. We've prepared a brief summary of some of the results so far.

How would you rate the pace of lifting restrictions on businesses and public gatherings in your community? Moving too fast: 40% Riverside 50% Overall / About right 30% Riverside 31% Overall / Moving too slowly 22% Riverside 15% Overall

Which Businesses and Activities should be open now? Top five in order in Riverside: Offices and professional firms not open to the public, restaurants offering outdoor seating, hotels and lodging, parks and playgrounds, retail stores / Top five in order Overall: Restaurants offering outdoor seating, hotels and lodging, parks and playgrounds, retail stores, offices and professional firms not open to the public

Assuming new health, safety and social distancing guidelines (such as maintaining six-foot distancing, providing hand sanitizing stations and wearing face coverings) are followed, do you think the following businesses and activities should be open now in your community? Would you be somewhat to very comfortable visiting or participating at the current time? (brackets are Riverside only)

Offices and professional firms not open to the public: 93% Riverside 78% Overall (81%)

Restaurants offering outdoor seating: 92% Riverside 87% Overall (75%)

Hotels and lodging: 90% Riverside 85% Overall (65%)

Parks and playgrounds: 88% Riverside 82% Overall (75%)

Retail stores: 88% Riverside 78% Overall (70%)

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buildings: 87% Riverside 72% Overall (65%)

Barber shops and salons: 85% Riverside 70% Overall (63%)

Outdoor festivals, farmers markets, etc.: 72% Riverside 66% Overall (64%)

Restaurants offering indoor seating: 62% Riverside 47% Overall (49%)

Organized running events or charity walks: 52% Riverside 44% Overall (47%)

Movie theaters: 51% Riverside 36% Overall (39%)

Gyms and recreation centers: 49% Riverside 39% Overall (40%)

Outdoor concerts or gatherings: 49% Riverside 42% Overall (41%)

Spectator sports (baseball, etc.): 40% Riverside 35% Overall (36%)

Indoor concerts and performances: 32% Riverside 20% Overall (32%)

How important are the following precautions in making you feel more comfortable and safe if you were to go out to shop, dine or attend a public gathering? (results are for Riverside only)

Hand sanitizer available to customers: Somewhat / Very Important 86%

Regular disinfecting/cleaning regimen prominently posted: Somewhat / Very Important 83%

All employees required to wear a mask: Somewhat / Very Important 81%

All customers required to wear a mask: Somewhat / Very Important 76%

Enforced social distancing practices: Somewhat / Very Important 79%

Assurance of employee testing for COVID-19: Somewhat / Very Important 72%

Limited number of customers allowed in a business at one time: Somewhat / Very Important 71%

Plexiglass barriers at checkout: Somewhat / Very Important 69%

Merchandise quarantine or mandatory steaming of garments that are tried on: Somewhat / Very Important 62%

Temperature checks required for customer entry/employee entry: Somewhat / Very Important 63%

Safety certification by local government or independent inspector: Somewhat / Very Important 53%

Over the next 3-6 months, how concerned are you about the following? (results are for Riverside only)

Loss of restaurants, retailers and other small businesses in your community: Somewhat / Very Concerned 96%

A national or global economic recession: Somewhat / Very Concerned 94%

Risk from COVID-19 to the health of vulnerable groups such as seniors and those with preexisting health conditions: Somewhat / Very Concerned 92%

Financial impact on family members or friends: Somewhat / Very Concerned 91%

Loss of quality of life from the inability to do things you enjoy: Somewhat / Very Concerned 74%

Local hospitals being overwhelmed with infected patients: Somewhat / Very Concerned 76%

Risk of you or your family contracting COVID-19: Somewhat / Very Concerned 74%

Losing your job or continuing to be unemployed: Somewhat / Very Concerned 58%

Do you think your community should welcome overnight visitors this summer and fall as a way to support the local economy and small businesses with jobs and tax revenues?

Yes, with no restrictions: 23% Riverside 13% Overall

Yes, with some restrictions: 53% Riverside 52% Overall

No: 18% Riverside 22% Overall

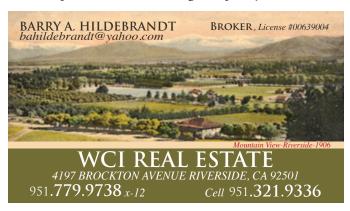
Not sure: 6% Riverside 9% Overall

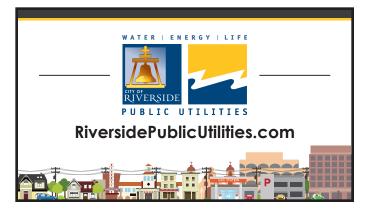
If you would like a copy of the full survey results as well as the responses to the open ended questions, please email Janice Penner at janice@riversidedowntown.org.

Reminder of Temporary Outdoor Flex Space Program

The City of Riverside has developed a program to allow outdoor flex-space for business operations on both private land and in the public rights of way while adhering to public safety and physical distancing requirements. The recent expansion of the existing Temporary Outdoor Flex Space Program now includes retail and other service uses so that these businesses can operate outside per the program guidelines.

Guidelines and Permit Info: https://www.riversideca.gov/pre.../covid-19-business-resources.





COUNCIL CORNER

Ward One Council Update

Contributed by Councilwoman Erin Edwards

I continue to extend my gratitude to the Downtown business community for their persistence as we combat this latest and largest surge of COVID-19 cases. We cannot put a timeline on this virus. But we can put our time and effort into helping residents and businesses survive in hard times. I am confident that this City is giving it our all. From Downtown business owners to the Downtown Partnership, from City staff to City officials—everyone is displaying a spirit of innovation and resilience that helps Riverside thrive.

Following statewide orders to wear facial coverings and for many businesses to cease indoor operations, City staff swiftly adjusted the Outdoor Flex Space Permit Program to accommodate increased outdoor operations. This application is free, with 3 out of the 4 categories being eligible for self-certification. Further, a reminder that all open businesses are required to post signage outside of their establishments about mandatory face coverings and other COVID-19 public health protocols. These signs can be downloaded at http://RiversideCA.gov/COVID-19.

At the August 4th City Council meeting, we will discuss options for the 2020 Festival of Lights (continued from July). Additionally, community engagement is underway to help Council allocate \$28 million in CARES Act Funding. This funding can be spent on critical City and community needs due to COVID-19 such as: addressing homelessness and housing, supporting businesses & nonprofits, assisting RUSD/AUSD to provide internet hot spots for remote learning, and supporting families to access childcare. If you didn't have a chance to complete the online survey with your feedback, please provide public/e-comment at the August 4th meeting.

Navigating both short-term and long-term needs, City Council recently held a first discussion about City priorities over the next five years. An early draft of the priorities focused on a high-performing City government, affordable & welcoming neighborhoods, attracting & supporting businesses, safety & security, supporting a vibrant Downtown, reducing homelessness, focusing on City infrastructure, and culture & recreation. Based on



feedback from the public and from Councilmembers, these goals will be further refined at our August 11th Council meeting. Your continued participation in these priority-setting meetings is crucial as these priorities will determine our next FY budget.

An update on City surplus properties and Downtown parking: both items will be reviewed at a future Budget Engagement Commission meeting, particularly as it pertains to the Downtown parking garages. Other surplus properties will also be discussed at the Commission to provide a recommendation to Council. I have personally read every one of your emails/e-comments on these (and all) issues, and I will continue to do so to ensure we make the best possible decisions for Riverside.

The City is not slowing down this August. If anything, we are all working harder than ever to address urgent needs in a pandemic, to think five steps ahead, and to lay the groundwork for a bright future. That said, in a marathon with such high stakes, please do find time to take care of yourselves this month. As always, you can reach me at eedwards@riversideca.gov or 951-783-7811 with any questions or concerns.

Erin Edwards

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Ward Two Council Update

Contributed by Councilman Andy Melendrez

Welcome Back to School!

It is with great pleasure that I welcome back all the students, parents and faculty from the Riverside Unified School District! Ward 2 is the proud home and location for the following five schools: Emerson Elementary, Castle View Elementary, Highland Elementary, Longfellow Elementary, John W. North High, Lincoln High School and the Riverside Stem Academy.

Ward 2 Development: As we look for ways to strengthen our economies, provide better quality of life, and build on local assets we look to our partners and community members to help us create the appropriate atmosphere.

 Park & University: This vacant lot is now under RFP and we have several developers who are interested in creating additional housing opportunities for our community.

Park Avenue Revitalization: Our community engagement for the transformative work along Park Avenue between

University Avenue and 14 Street is still going strong. The Riverside Art Museum who is partnering with us on the Arcis Mural project have already received various murals from local artists and our community chose the 5 finalists. Nathan Mustafa with the City Traffic and Engineering Department is working diligently with the Riverside



Community Health Foundation and the Residents of Eastside Active in Leadership Group to start the planning for the parklets and neighborhood enhancements. All of these projects are being funded through grants we received to enhance the quality of life for our residents and to help our local business community. To get involved in the planning process or become a sponsor contact my office at 951-453-5371 or email me at asmelendrez@riversideca.gov.

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Riverside Arts Academy Music Program (RAAMP): RAAMP provided our youth with an amazing Summer Music Enrichment program and due to COVID-19 we enhanced the opportunity for our students to engage with their instructors. Our goal is to continue to expand the opportunities for our youth and help develop their artistic talents. Our digital classes that are held via zoom and Google meets have been a great success. The school year is right around the corner and you can register your student online at www.riversideartsacademy.org. To support our youth please consider being a sponsor or becoming a member by visiting www.riversideartsacademy.com/membership/ or by calling 951-826-2441.

Ward 2 Business Spotlight:

We have two new businesses that recently opened and they have been a huge success.

• Arcade Coffee Roasters: According to the Food and Wine Magazine Arcade Coffee is the sixth best coffee shop in the Nation and we have them in Ward 2! Arcade Coffee Roasters is located in the Eastside Community at 3672 Chicago Ave, Riverside, CA.

Swing by and taste some of the nation's best coffee!

- Tuition Tacos: has a very unique business model that emphasizes helping local students who are interested in attending a 4 year university. Hector and Michelle Rosales started Tuition Tacos with the intent to provide free tacos to low-income students to encourage them to apply for college. Their strong faith and dedication to helping our community allowed them to open several locations throughout the Inland Empire and they now provide free tacos and scholarships to thousands of students who attend college. Stop by Tuition Tacos located at 3355 Iowa Ave, Riverside, CA and have a taste of the authentic menu or their California style menu. Every dollar spent here is a dollar invested in our youth and our community.
- Espettos Brazilian Grill: Is a unique and fantastic restaurant with a delicious lineup of authentic Brazilian dishes. If you're interested in trying delicious Brazilian food then visit the Canyon Crest Shopping Center at 5225 Canyon Crest Dr. Suite 57, Riverside, CA.

Andy Melendrez

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Mission Inn Run Goes Virtual

This year, we're going the "social distance" at the Mission Inn Run by going virtual! Run, race, or walk through Riverside anytime and anywhere between October 8 - November 8 with an all new Fun Run, a new series of historic running challenges and our traditional race distances (5K, 10K, 1/2 Marathon, Kids Race) all designed to maximize the fun while staying safe. The Mission Inn Virtual Run will be October 8-November 8, but it's not too early to join the fun,

including helping us choose the 2020 Mission Inn Virtual Run T-shirt color and getting a brand-new Raincross Facemask!

The Mission Inn Run, a signature Riverside event and key fundraiser for the Mission Inn Foundation, has been a Southern California Tradition for over 40 years. This historic race has traditionally launched in downtown Riverside, winding through the parks, landmarks and historic neighborhoods of our town. 2020 represents the 43rd year of the Mission Inn Run, and with the uncertainty caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, this year offers an unparalleled opportunity for the Mission Inn Run to take on a fun new historic approach.

What is a Virtual Run?

A virtual race is where you can race, run or walk anywhere you'd like during the Mission Inn Virtual Run time window (Oct 8 - Nov 8). Track your progress with the free RaceJoy app or upload your times and distances at www.missioninnrun. org (be honest!), and see how you stack up against your community and friends!

What is a virtual race?

A virtual race is where you can race, run or walk anywhere you'd like during the Mission Inn Run time window (October 8 - November 8). Use the free RaceJoy GPS tracking app or upload your times and distances on this website (be honest!), and see how you stack up against your community and friends!



Uploading times is optional, and you can just mark that you've finished. It's a great way to explore Riverside or your own home and earn some pretty great swag, plus you're supporting the Mission Inn Foundation!

Do I have to run?

The great thing about virtual races is that it works for everyone! Race, run, walk or skip while you accumulate miles. Even treadmills are encouraged! We just ask that you're honest about

your times, and keep moving!

What happens on Race Day, November 8, 2020?

We're planning a celebration where all participants can pick up their T-Shirts and Medals. We're not quite ready to share the details, but we promise we will!

When do I get my T-Shirt, Medal and Mask?

Every participant will receive their mask in the mail soon after registration. All T-Shirts and Medals will be available for pickup or shipping beginning November 8, 2020.

TEAMS

Team pricing for groups of 5 or more running in the same distance: \$5 off each registration for all run courses except Kids Runs! The first person to register for your team will create the team name and automatically be designated as the team captain. As more team members register, they will be able to search for the team name and sign up as a member.

What is a Landmark Challenge?

Throughout the summer we're going to introduce new Landmark Challenges which explore the rich history of Riverside. To complete the challenge, just upload a photo of yourself at each Landmark for the particular challenge. All Landmark Challenges will be outdoors and publicly accessible. More details to come!

Who gets the money from my registration?

The Mission Inn Run is a fundraiser for the Mission Inn Foundation, a non-profit founded in 1976 which operates the Mission Inn Museum on the corner of Mission Inn Avenue and Main Street. The Mission Inn Museum features free exhibitions about Riverside's rich history, and is the exclusive provider of tours of the National Historic Landmark, the Mission Inn Hotel & Spa.

DID WE MISS SOMETHING? LET US KNOW IF YOU STILL HAVE A QUESTION.

Use the information below to contact us so we can help serve

your needs.

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/ Email runinfo@missioninnmuseum.org or call 951-788-9556 during normal business hours.

Mission Inn Run C/O Mission Inn Museum 3696 Main Street, Riverside, CA 92501 Phone: 951-788-9556 Fax: 951-341-657

Register online, at the Mission Inn Museum Store or by calling 951-781-9556 to take advantage of our special flash sale!

Arts Corner: Message from the Arts Council

Dear Friends,

Even though arts events are not happening in person, that does not mean they aren't happening. Many of them are free, but that does not mean the organizations putting them on aren't hurting. The latest data from the Americans for the Arts ongoing survey shows that COVID-19 has had a \$9.1 billion economic impact on the arts and cultural sector, with 96% of organizations having cancelled events. However, 77% of the responding organizations said that they have been delivering artistic content online in an effort to raise community spirits and morale. When the world works its way back into whatever version of normal is ahead, the arts will be there. And the arts will help us along the way.

Here is just a sample of some of the opportunities and offerings that can be found online:

National Arts Program's Virtual Open Art Exhibit and Contest. This virtual art exhibit is open to all ages. Artists may register online now through August 19th. Categories are self placement and include the following options: youth (12 and under), teen (13-18), adult amateur, adult intermediate and adult professional.

When: Jun 26, 2020 - August 19, 2020

For more information and to register, please visit https://www.nationalartsprogram.org/venues/national-arts-program-virtual-open-exhibit

Fun At Home Activities

Mission Inn Museum

The Mission Inn Foundation Education Department releases weekly in-home activities using materials around your home to engage with local history.

When: Every Monday through August 31, 2020 from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm.

For more information and to participate, please visit https://www.facebook.com/missioninnmuseum

Thursday Rock Show with The BellRays

The BellRays believe combining Rock and Soul is not meant to be a conscious effort. You shouldn't have to force them together because they've never really been separated in the first place. It's an organic trail that flows through Bob and Lisa and the current rhythm section of Bernard Yin (Fur Dixon, Par Avion) on bass and Dusty Watson (the Sonics, Dick Dale) on drums, and comes out honest and urgent. You will learn and you will feel. Blues is always teaching and Punk is always preaching. The BellRays are always listening.

When: Thursdays at 11:00 am

For more information and to register, please visit https://www.

facebook.com/pg/BellRays

Virtual Cinema

UCR Arts

UCR ARTS is eagerly awaiting the day when they can welcome you back to their screening room. Until then, they're happy to announce the launch of their virtual cinema. UCR Arts is partnering with a number of distributors to bring you the latest in independent, documentary and international film in the coming months. Fifty percent of all proceeds go directly towards supporting UCR Arts.

Where: https://virtualucrarts.ucr.edu/cinema

La Sierra University Violin Professor Holds Instagram Concerts

Ken Aiso, adjunct professor of violin and viola at La Sierra University, is addressing the dearth of live performances due to the current pandemic by offering live mini concerts each day from his home. The performances feature Aiso and pianist Valeria Morgovskaya, and are about 15 minutes in duration.

When: Daily at 8:00 pm

Where: @kenaiso1 on Instagram

UCR Arts Virtual

UCR Arts has created a brand new website for you to enjoy from home. On the website you will find virtual tours of their most recent shows, activities for kids and families, artist interviews and much more. Content will be added regularly, so make sure to bookmark it and visit often.

Where: https://virtualucrarts.ucr.edu

National Theatre at Home

London's National Theatre has made some of their work available for limited runs on their YouTube channel. Such acclaimed productions as Nick Dear's adaptation of "Frankenstein" starring Benedict Cumberbatch and "A Midsummer Night's Dream" starring Gwendoline Christie have previously been aired.

Where: https://www.nationaltheatre.org.uk

To sign up to receive weekly updates through the 15 Favorite Things to Do in Riverside, visit https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/CARIVERSIDE/subscriber/new?preferences=true#tab1

Sending each of you all my very best. Looking forward to seeing you in person, hopefully soon.

Patrick Brien

Riverside Arts Council



BUSINESS BUZZ

What Should I Do if an Employee is Suspected or Confirmed to Have COVID-19?

In most cases, you do not need to shut down your facility. But do close off any areas used for prolonged periods of time by the sick person.

- Wait 24 hours before cleaning and disinfecting to minimize potential for other employees being exposed to respiratory droplets. If waiting 24 hours is not feasible, wait as long as possible.
- During this waiting period, open outside doors and windows to increase air circulation in these areas.
- It is not routinely necessary to close the entire building. Closing or limiting access to the space used by the sick person would be sufficient course of action while implementing the cleaning protocol. Refer to CDC guidelines for Facility Cleaning: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/disinfecting-building-facility.html

Follow cleaning and disinfection recommendations provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC):

- Clean dirty surfaces with soap and water before disinfecting them.
- To disinfect surfaces, use products that meet EPA criteria for use against SARS-Cov-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, and are appropriate for the surface.
- Always wear gloves and gowns appropriate for the chemicals being used when you are cleaning and disinfecting.
- You may need to wear additional personal protective equipment (PPE) depending on the setting and disinfectant product you are using.

In addition to cleaning and disinfecting, employers should determine which employees may have been exposed to the virus and need to take additional precautions.

- Provide the list of potentially exposed employees to the Riverside County Department of Public Health via email to COVID-19phbizsupport@ruhealth.org.
- Instruct potentially exposed employees to selfquarantine until further instructions are provided by Public Health staff. Public Health staff will contact the employee to provide additional guidance.

Sick employees should follow guidance provided by Public Health staff. Employees should not return to work until they have met criteria to discontinue home isolation and have consulted with a healthcare provider and/or the Public Health Department.

If an employee is confirmed to have COVID-19, employers should inform fellow employees of their possible exposure to COVID-19 in the workplace but maintain confidentiality as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Public Health will reach out to the positive individual as well as anyone who was potentially exposed to

conduct the case investigation and contact tracing and to make recommendations for isolation or quarantine. Public Health will also work with the business to ensure that testing of employees is completed as recommended.

For questions, please contact the Riverside County Department of Public Health at (951) 955-5950 between 8 am and 5 pm (Monday through Friday) and 9 am to 4 pm (Saturday and Sunday) or via email at COVID-19phbizsupport@ruhealth.org.

What to Expect When Employees Are Quarantined or Isolated

Notification of confirmed cases: The Riverside County Department of Public Health will notify confirmed cases directly, discuss isolation requirements, identify contacts who may have been exposed and answer questions.

Will the employer be notified of a positive test result? Employers are contacted in an effort to prevent the spread of COVID-19 at their facility. When contacted, the employer is not given the positive employee's name; however, they are informed that an employee tested positive and a risk assessment process is initiated by Public Health staff. Employers should have their own policies and protocols in place so that employees can confidentially report their positive test result directly to the employer. The County will provide you with an alert but cannot disclose the patient's information for confidentiality reasons. Employers will be provided with tips and resources to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in their facility.

As part of the contact tracing process, cases are asked about businesses that they may have visited. If a business is identified during that process, Public Health will contact the business to discuss prevention measures being utilized to stop transmission. Businesses should assume that positive individuals are visiting their facilities (status may or may not be known) and take all necessary precautions.

What if my employee has a negative test result, can they work? If an individual has come into contact with a confirmed positive case and tested negative, the individual is still required to complete their 14 day quarantine.

When can my employee return to work? (Please note that there may be other factors that may extend an employee's return based on recommendations from Public Health)

CONFIRMED COVID CASES

For a confirmed positive case, the employee must isolate. You can expect to have your employee return to work under the following conditions:

If Symptomatic -

- At least 3 days (72 hours) have passed since recovery defined as resolution of fever without the user fever-reducing medication and improvement in respiratory symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath); and,
- At least 10 days have passed since last positive test

If asymptomatic (symptom free) -

- 10 days have passed since the date of their first positive COVID 19 diagnostic test assuming they have not subsequently developed symptoms since their positive test.
- If they develop symptoms, then the protocol for symptomatic individuals should be followed.

CONFIRMED CONTACT TO A POSITIVE COVID PATIENT

For a contact to a confirmed positive case, the employee is expected to quarantine. You can expect to have your employee return to work when the individual meets the following criteria:

They are exposed, but asymptomatic -

- 14 day quarantine.
- Twice-daily temperature check.
- Monitor for respiratory symptoms.
- If ANY symptoms develop, refer for testing (below).
- Even if tested and tests negative, 14 day quarantine still required.

They are exposed, but symptomatic -

- Exclude from work, 14 day quarantine.
- Instruct in home isolation.
- Twice-daily temperature check.
- Monitor for respiratory symptoms.
- Refer for testing.
- While test is pending continue home isolation.

If test is negative and no longer symptomatic:

- If source patient ruled out, discontinue isolation and clear for work.
- If source patient was positive, complete 14 day quarantine. May return to work when completely asymptomatic and afebrile for 72 hours and 14 day quarantine is completed.

If test is negative, but still symptomatic:

 An individualized assessment of other potential diagnosis (e.g., flu) is required for whether repeat testing may be indicated.

Is retesting necessary?

Riverside County Public Health has adopted a modified non-test-based criteria for clearance of COVID-19 positive patients. Retesting for clearance is not generally recommended.

What if the employer wants their employees tested? Individuals needing to be tested can be referred to their primary care provider or other public testing sites. A list of public testing sites is available at www.rivcoph.org/coronavirus/testing.

HOW TO PREVENT ZOOM BOMBING

With Zoom becoming so popular for holding meetings it has also become popular for trolls to disrupt those meetings. Here are some tips to minimize disruption as you move business forward.



Don't use your Personal Meeting ID for the meeting. Instead, use a per-meeting ID, exclusive to a single meeting.



Enable the "Waiting Room" feature so that you can see who is attempting to join the meeting before allowing them access.



Disable Join Before Host, screensharing for non hosts, remote control function file transferring, annotations and the autosave feature for chats.



Once the meeting begins and everyone is in, lock the meeting to outsiders and assign at least two meeting co-hosts to help control the meeting.

What to do if a Zoom Bomber gets in



Lock them out. Go to the Participants List in the navigation sidebar, and scroll down to More. Click Lock Meeting to stop further participants from entering the meeting and to be able to remove participants.



Shut them up. You or your co-host go to the Participants List, scroll down to the bottom, and click Mute All Controls. This makes it so the unwelcome participant can't use their microphone to disrupt your audio.

RDP Welcomes New Businesses to Downtown

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NEW SMART METERS ARE COMING TO DOWNTOWN RIVERSIDE

The City of Riverside will begin to installing new multi-space smart meters throughout Downtown Riverside. This equipment upgrade aims to provide a better customer experience for parking customers by providing more payment options and having the ability to pay for your parking at any smart meter. The new meters will accept cash, coins, VISA and MasterCard credit cards and Smartphone payments for a contactless payment system.

The installation will take place in August and will be deployed in phases, to minimize disruption or inconvenience while parking in Downtown Riverside.

For more information please contact Republic Parking Systems at 951-682-3167.

