



Walnut Creek, CA 94596

July 21, 2020

Dear Supervisors Andersen and Mitchoff,

Thank you for the work that the Ad Hoc Committee has been doing to help clarify the evolving rules of County Health Orders. We understand that conditions change frequently, and the guidelines therefore change as well, and appreciate the assistance in interpreting them. Thank you also to the County Health Officer and others who have been addressing the COVID-19 pandemic so relentlessly.

The City of Walnut Creek is seeking clarification on the current Health Order regarding outdoor activities for adults and Social Bubbles for children and youth. We request that these questions be discussed at the upcoming Ad Hoc Committee on COVID-19 Economic Impact and Recovery meeting on July 23, 2020 if a direct reply beforehand is not possible.

- 1) The City is interested in offering two different types of outdoor services for adults if these services are allowable under the current county health order. The two types of services are:
 - Outdoor programs in which a stable group of 12 or fewer adults can be socially distanced and participate in either one-time or a series of class sessions. Examples of classes include painting instruction, yoga, meditation, and other art classes.
 - Hosting outdoor, socially distanced art or recreation activities for a Social Bubble of a stable group of 12 or fewer adults. A representative of the Social Bubble would enroll in one of the activity offerings, and the City would provide the outdoor space and materials/instruction for the activity, such as painting. Adult participants would bring their own equipment and supplies (such as paintbrushes, paints, chairs, etc.) or purchase such equipment/supplies from the City.
- 2) The City is interested in offering two different types of services for school-age children given the recent news about the school year starting with remote learning until county metrics improve. The two types of services are:
 - School-age care programs in which a stable group of 12 or fewer children/youth can be socially distanced and participate one, two or three-day per week sessions for multiple weeks for set amounts of time each day (eg 4 hours or 8 hours) to participate in recreation, arts, and study hall programming. Each group of youth would have a dedicated space and staff. The City would structure some of these programs so that students could participate both while their school is operating 100% in remote learning and once their school is allowed to operate several days a week in-person on campus and the remaining days remotely (which would mean children are exposed to their Social Bubble and their classmates at school).
 - Hosting indoor and outdoor socially distanced art or recreation activities for a Social Bubble of a stable group of 12 or fewer children over the age of 5. An adult representative of the Social Bubble would enroll in one of the activity offerings, and the City would provide the space and materials/instruction for the activity, such as painting, enrichment activities or physical activities.





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We appreciate clarification about whether these services are allowable under the current County Health Order guidelines; we have had numerous inquiries from residents about how they can expand their healthy recreation and social emotional development, and want to ensure we are providing options that are allowable.

Sincerely,

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