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Free meals delivered to seniors living at The Villas



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Jose Nunez, Jose Cortez and Melinda Tyner.

Eagle Real Estate Group began delivering complimentary individual meals door to door to every senior resident in its communities throughout the Southland at the end of March. Eagle will deliver approximately 1,000 meals weekly for at least the next six weeks.

Eagle owns and manages five affordable seniors' communities

in the Cities of Colton, Yucaipa, Hesperia, Santa Ana and Lancaster. Eagle commenced door to door delivery of individual meals such as pizzas, spaghetti and meatballs, soups and stews.

"Our seniors, especially low-income seniors, are the most vulnerable to current challenges

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James Brown and Randy Friend.

CARES Act provides loans, grants, support for small businesses in San Bernardino County

Small businesses in San Bernardino County can apply for assistance under the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES), signed into law on March 27.

The San Bernardino County Workforce Development Board (WDB) reports that the \$2.2 trillion emergency relief package contains a variety of measures designed to assist small businesses adversely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, including:

- Paycheck Protection Program, providing cash-flow assistance in the form of loans to small businesses harmed by COVID-19 between February 15 and June 30. The loans would be forgiven if the small businesses maintain their payrolls during that period.
- Emergency Economic Injury Grant, providing an advance of up to \$10,000. To qualify, businesses must first apply for an SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL).



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Support is available to small businesses in the form of paycheck protection, debt relief free resources, and more through the \$2.2 trillion emergency relief package signed into law on March 27.

- Small Business Debt Relief Program, providing immediate relief to small businesses worried about keeping up with payments on their current or potential SBA loans.
- Resource partners, free counseling and support for small businesses during these difficult

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Public Health officer recommends face coverings during essential outings

San Bernardino County health officials are recommending people use face coverings when leaving home to conduct essential business such as grocery shopping, going to a medical appointment or visiting a pharmacy to help flatten the curve of Covid-19.

The County made the recommendation after reviewing guidance released on April 1 from the state Department of Public Health.

Face coverings may include coverings that secure to the ears or back of the head and encompass the mouth and nose. Homemadas and handkerchiefs, and neck gaiters may be used to reduce the spread of Covid-19 particularly among asymptomatic people.

Staying home, practicing social distancing and frequent hand-

washing are far more effective ways to combat the spread of Covid-19, and face coverings are not a substitute for continuing those practices, said Acting County Public Health Officer Dr. Erin Gustafson.

“Surgical masks and N95 masks should not be used because they must be preserved for healthcare workers and emergency responders,” Gustafson said. “If you do use a face covering, make sure to practice frequent hand washing before and after touching and adjusting the covering.”

Wash cloth face coverings frequently after each use -- at least daily. Place face coverings in a bag until washing them in detergent with hot water and dried on a hot cycle. Discard cloth face coverings that no longer cover the nose and mouth; have stretched out or damaged ties and straps;

cannot stay on the face; and have holes or tears in the fabric.

“Covering your face may help reduce the chance that asymptomatic people spread COVID-19. This is not as effective as staying home and practicing social distancing,” said Curt Hagman, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors. “We all need to do our part to flatten the curve and residents should use this as one more tool to stop the spread of this disease.”

For more information about Covid-19 in San Bernardino County, please visit sbccovid19.com. The public can also contact the coronavirus public information line from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday at (909) 387-3911, or email the County at coronavirus@dph.sb-county.gov.



City of Colton adjusted hours due to COVID-19 crisis

Development Services – by appointment only - contact (909) 370-5079

Colton Fire Department – In an emergency call 911
For non-emergency contact (909) 370-5100

Colton Police Department – In an emergency call 911

If you need to obtain a police report, file a report, or for additional

assistance, please go to the Police Department entrance located on La Cadena Drive.

Customer Service Department - located at 650 N. La Cadena Dr., Colton. Utility bills may be paid using the following options:

1. Online at the following website: www.ci.colton.ca.us/618/Online-Payments
2. Byphone(844)571-2896
3. The night drop located at: 650 N. La Cadena Dr., Colton CA

92324
4. Mail via USPS
5. Larsons Drug Store located at: 142 W. “H” St.

6. Unmanned Kiosk that accepts cash, check, and credit card located at:

650 N. La Cadena Dr., Colton

Customer Service Call Center Hours (909) 370-5555 Monday through Thursday: 8:30 am – 6:00 pm

Meals

attributable to the COVID19 assault,” said Randall J. Friend, Managing Partner and Founder of Eagle. “We want to send a message of support and care to our seniors so they don’t feel alone or panicked.”

Friend’s partner, Wyn Holmes said.

Crystal Garcia, Eagle’s regional property manager, said “We wanted to provide food but the challenge was how to do that without having potentially at-risk seniors congregating, so we de-

ecided on door to door service”.

“Each delivery of food should equate to two meals for each senior,” added Friend.

Eagle believes that if every citizen contributes what they can, whether it’s monetary, praying or volunteering, it will make a difference.


“Together we stand united, even if it’s six feet apart, and will overcome this challenge, becoming stronger, wiser, more considerate and compassionate during the process,” concluded Friend.

Utility Emergency After Hours Service (909) 820-3987 Monday through Thursday: 6:00pm – 8:30 am


Thursday through Monday: 6:00 pm – 8:30 am

No cycle billing residential utility shut-offs will be undertaken during this time period.

Commercial and return check shut-offs will continue to be processed.



Transitional Assistance



Transitional Assistance (TAD) Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT)

Target: All EBT Users

Beware of potential scammers using the COVID-19 situation to steal personal information.

While many organizations are seeking to help communities respond to COVID-19, CalFresh participants should be suspicious of any unknown individual or organization that requests their confidential information.

Examples of confidential information include social security number, EBT card/PIN number or bank account information.

Beware! These are all EBT scams to steal your benefits or gain access to other personal information.

Never give personal information or other case information to anyone and **never** confirm your information with someone who may already know it to qualify for COVID-related monetary assistance.

Things You Can Do...

- 1** Always protect your Personally Identifiable Information (PII).
- 2** Visit www.ebt.ca.gov if you want information about your EBT benefits.
- 3** Call the California EBT Customer Service helpline (877) 328-9677.

If you think you may be a victim of a scam, contact San Bernardino County TAD at 877-410-8829

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