



## *LETTER FROM THE MAYOR*

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Dear South San Francisco residents and business owners,

Thank you for your feedback and words of encouragement as we ask our community to support our neighbors, friends, co-workers, and families. We are in ever-constant changing times and it's important to realize that we are a resilient community. I can't stress enough the need for all of us to allow time for stores to restock and give priority to seniors while waiting in line, and above all, be reasonable when you go shopping.

Last night, California Gov. Gavin Newsom announced a statewide "shelter in place" order in an attempt to prevent the further spread of COVID-19 in the state. Essential businesses will remain open within the state. This includes gas stations, pharmacies, grocery stores, food banks, and restaurants that offer takeout and delivery service. Businesses that must close indefinitely include dine-in restaurants, nightclubs, gyms, fitness studios, convention centers, and entertainment venues. The state order has no specific termination date and it supersedes San Mateo County's order.

Now, more than ever, it's imperative that we follow these orders and also follow social distancing. I thought this was a great graphic to share with you which shows the effectiveness of social distancing.



We know this is a difficult time. If you need support, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has a national Disaster Distress Helpline for crisis counseling. Call 1-800-985-5990, 24/7 for toll-free, multilingual crisis support services.

Lastly, the City of South San Francisco is here for you. We have set up a dedicated website, [www.ssf.net/Coronavirus](http://www.ssf.net/Coronavirus) which is updated daily with new information and resources. We can also be reached via email at [CityInfo@ssf.net](mailto:CityInfo@ssf.net) or we're just a phone call away, (650) 877-8502.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Richard A. Garbarino". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Richard Garbarino  
Mayor

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