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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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### City of San Dimas Office of the City Manager – Update April 9, 2020

#### *Latest Updates:*

- Senator Anthony J. Portantino is hosting a Family Health Forum on Saturday, April 11, at 11 am. Topics discussed will be surrounding helping our children and families cope with COVID-19
  - He will be joined by Lara Mekhitarian LMFT, Anna Marie Rossi MA-LMFT, Nora Chitilian LMFT – Typical and Special Needs Children, and George Holbrook LMFT, Clinical Director – Family Service Agency
  - There are two ways to participate: Listen in by calling (844) 721-7241 Access Code: 4471730 or by logging onto <https://sd25.senate.ca.gov>
  - Please email questions/comments for discussion to [portantino.familyhealthforum@gmail.com](mailto:portantino.familyhealthforum@gmail.com)
- As we approach Passover and Easter, Los Angeles County continues to remind all residents that the Health Officer's [Safer at Home](#) order remains in full effect. This week is Holy Week, and it is a time when many want to be with their family and faith communities.
  - Though the need to connect with friends and family is strong, group meals and social gatherings make social distancing difficult, and therefore, put everyone at risk. This is not the time for relatives and friends to come over and be close to each other. This is a time to distance yourself from others physically.
  - While family members and contacts living together within a household can go for a walk in the neighborhood, contact with individuals from outside of the household should occur only virtually. Use social media and digital tools to connect, because face-to-face interactions with individuals from other households are prohibited under the Safer at Home order.
  - Everyone must:
    - Stay home (stay unexposed and do not expose others)
    - Only go out for essential services or if they are an essential worker
    - Stay six feet or more away from others
    - Not gather in groups *of any size*
    - Los Angeles County is relying on its residents to respect and follow these health orders. Residents' cooperation with the health orders is critical as we work to flatten the curve and move beyond the pandemic.
- Hotels for health care workers
  - Starting April 10, frontline health care workers who are exposed to or test positive for COVID-19 can find hotel rooms through the CalTravelStore
  - Visit <http://covid19.ca.gov> on April 10 for the phone number to book a room
  - Hotels that are interesting in participating can email [covid19lodging@dgs.ca.gov](mailto:covid19lodging@dgs.ca.gov)
- Governor Newsom announced that starting this Sunday, April 12, California workers who are receiving unemployment benefits will begin receiving an extra \$600 on top of their weekly amount, as part of the new Pandemic Additional Compensation (PAC) initiated by the CARES act
  - For more information on how to apply for unemployment benefits to Californians and what claimants need to know about these new \$600 additional payments, visit [https://edd.ca.gov/about\\_edd/coronavirus-2019.htm](https://edd.ca.gov/about_edd/coronavirus-2019.htm)