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City of San Dimas Office of the City Manager – Update August 17, 2020

Latest Updates:

- To prevent or limit power outages during this heatwave, the California ISO issued a statewide Flex Alert for today, August 17 through Wednesday, August 19, from 3 pm – 10 pm. Sign up for alerts here: <http://flexalert.org/>
- Extreme heat is still in the forecast. Here is how you can help conserve energy:
 - Pre-cool your home at 72° overnight and in the morning
 - Between 3 pm – 10 pm
 - Turn off unnecessary lights
 - Set A/C to 78 or higher
 - Avoid using major appliances
- Today the LA County COVID-19 Rent Relief program began accepting applications. The program will assist low-income renters who have struggled to pay their rent and/or who are behind on paying rent due to COVID-19. The window for applications will close on August 31
 - The program is available to all residents of LA County who qualify and requires a W-9, participation agreements from the property owners to receive income on behalf of their qualified tenant, and property owners must agree to the terms of the participation agreement
 - To learn more or apply, visit <https://wwwa.lacda.org/programs/rent-relief> or dial 2-1-1
- While LA County works with employers to reach and maintain workplace compliance, residents are reminded that resources for workers impacted by COVID-19 are available. Resources include: disability benefits, paid leave benefits, pandemic unemployment assistance, and California paid sick leave, and more
 - For more information on these programs, or to apply over the phone, visit [COVID-19 Resources for Workers](#)
 - You may also contact [LA County's Disaster Help Center](#) at (833) 238-4450 for one-on-one assistance
- The California Independent System Operator (CAISO) has declared a warning for the California grid and may call for rotating outages between noon and 11:59 pm today due to excess demand for electricity. Rotating outages will begin if the CAISO reaches a stage 3 emergency, most likely during peak hours from 5 pm to 8 pm. These CAISO rotating outages typically last about an hour. SCE is requesting customers to reduce energy use to help avoid rotating outages
 - Additional information is available at www.sce.com/rotatingoutage or by phone at 800-611-1911
- With the West Coast heat wave projected to intensify over the coming days, Governor Gavin Newsom today signed an executive order to free up additional energy capacity.
- The Governor yesterday signed an emergency proclamation that temporarily allows some energy users and utilities to use backup energy sources to relieve pressure on the grid during peak times during the energy emergency and today sent a letter to CAISO, the CPUC and CEC demanding an investigation into the service disruptions that occurred over the weekend and the energy agencies' failure to predict and mitigate them
- LA County's Department of Public Health (DPH) has updated [Guidance for Early Care and Education Providers](#) to allow stable groups of up to 12 children, rather than 10
 - To access a summary of federal, state, and county guidance, as well as other resources available to providers and parents, visit laco.eu/childcare