

Newsletter

COVID-19 Edition

Dear City Employee,

I want to acknowledge that this is not an easy time for City workers. We must do our best to keep ourselves and our families safe and also assist in the public response to this pandemic. At the same time, our economy experiencing a deep down turn, and people are searching for new ways to promote racial equity in our daily work and personal lives. Please know that your efforts are recognized and appreciated.

Over the past weeks, the City has begun to cautiously reopen. The City is closely monitoring our progress which is guided by [data](#) and [key health indicators](#). The City has allowed certain businesses and social activities to resume with required safety protocols in place. However, COVID-19 cases in the City and surrounding counties have increased. As a result some department's reopening plans have been delayed.

Changes to the City's emergency management efforts are also underway. In July, the Emergency Operations Center will transition to the COVID Command Center and centralize response efforts under a unified command structure.

Our response to COVID-19 is far from over and city employees will continue to be asked to step-up in new ways to support our collective response to the pandemic. Some DSWs will have longer-term assignments supporting critical projects under the COVID Command Center to sustain the City's continued fight against COVID-19.

As always, thank you for your service to the residents of San Francisco.

Be well,

Micki Callahan

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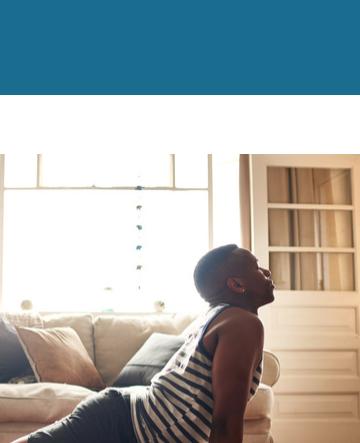
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Returning to Work Requirements



Employees who are returning to the worksite must comply with all [Health Orders](#) and guidance issued by the Department of Public Health (DPH) and the Department of Human Resources.

Your COVID-19 Testing Options



Anyone living or working in San Francisco can get tested at various locations in the City.

Critical Updates

Supreme Court

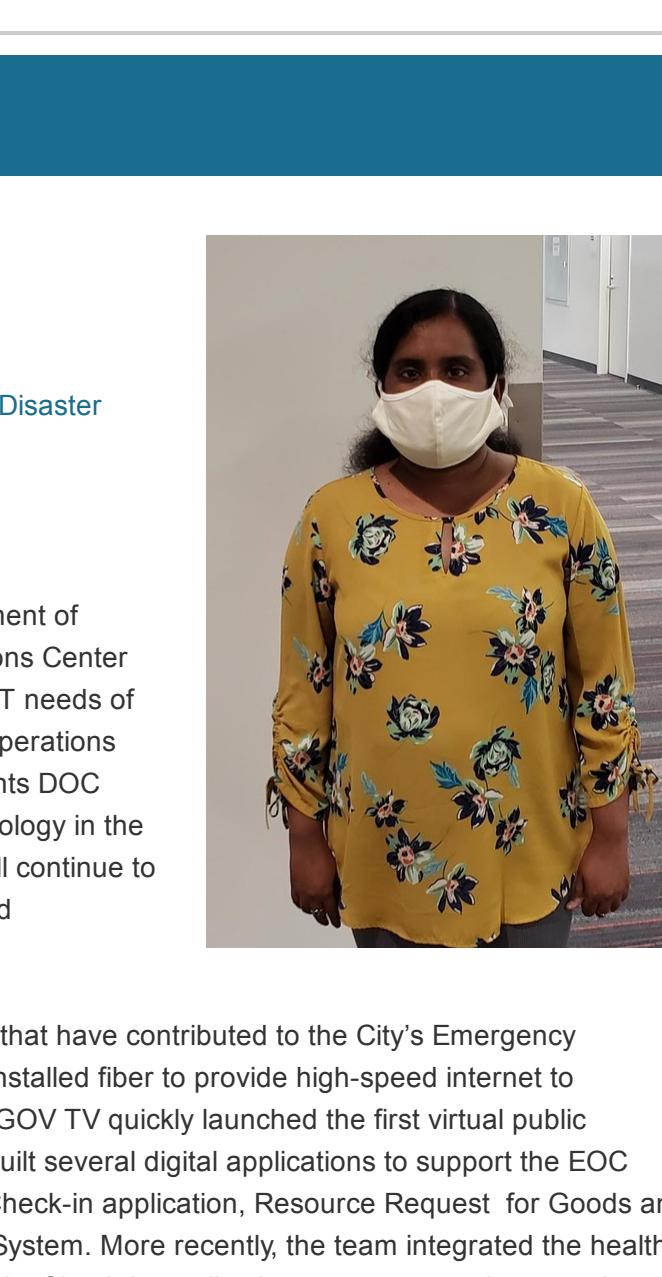
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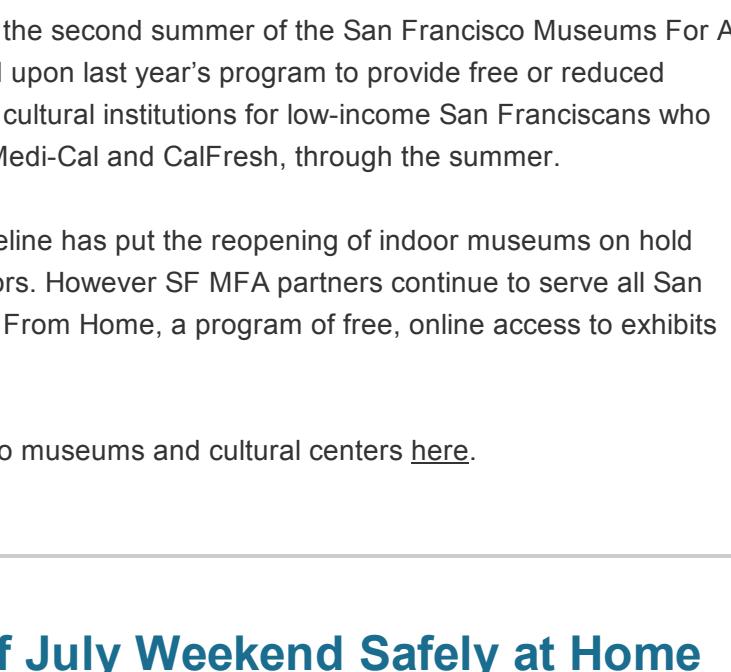
Discrimination

In a historic decision, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the 1964 Civil Rights Act protects gay, lesbian, and transgender employees from discrimination in the workplace based on sex. This decision makes what has long California law, federal policy. Until the decision, it was legal in more than half of the states to terminate workers for being gay, bisexual or transgender.

Read the [statement from DHR here](#).



Key COVID-19 Health Indicators



Safely reopening San Francisco requires a strong partnership among city leaders, public health experts, businesses, and the community. Our commitment to safely moving forward together comes with the awareness that reopening too quickly may pose health risks and economic setbacks.

The key health indicators are grouped into these areas:

- Hospital System
- Cases
- Testing
- Contact Tracing
- Personal Protective Equipment

For more information on key indicators please go to: <https://data.sfgov.org/stories/s/epem-wyzb>

Thanking Our Essential Workers #essentiallyyourssf

During the week of June 22nd, the City and County of San Francisco recognized and thanked our essential workers.

Essential workers have kept the city moving and our residents safe. They are healthcare workers, first responders, sanitation workers, grocery store workers, food workers, street cleaners, childcare providers, hardware store clerks, utility workers, truck drivers, postal and delivery workers, community outreach workers, Disaster Service Workers, and many, many others. They did not have the option to stay home, but made significant contributions to protect residents while assuming additional risks to their own health and safety to serve the people of San Francisco.

Last week, we acknowledged their work and educated the public that their actions, such as wearing a mask, social distancing, staying home when sick and washing hands, can help protect essential workers who have had to take on more risk throughout the pandemic. View some of the essential worker appreciations from various departments below.

We thank all of our essential workers for all of the work they have put in throughout this challenging time. To view more appreciations search with the hashtag #essentiallyyourssf.

