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**PRESS RELEASE**

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**City Warns Solicitors that Door-to-Door Activity is Prohibited**

Manhattan Beach, CA (April 7, 2020) - Consistent with public health directives issued by the State of California and County of Los Angeles, the City of Manhattan Beach is warning businesses that door-to-door solicitation is strictly prohibited. These measures are designed to minimize close personal contact, a known cause of the spread of COVID-19.

The State of California and County of Los Angeles have issued directives categorizing business types as essential and non-essential. Businesses that place flyers on doors soliciting business are deemed a non-essential service during the COVID-19 pandemic.

This regulation serves to advance the public interest in protecting the health and safety of the community by reducing human contact with door knob surfaces, which studies indicate is a surface from which the virus can easily spread. Violators of the public health orders may be subject to citations and criminal prosecution.

The City encourages small businesses to use alternative virtual advertising platforms, such as emails and social media to promote their businesses. These alternative platforms will provide businesses with avenues to relay their promotional messages without having a negative impact on the health and safety of residents.

As the COVID-19 pandemic evolves, the City of Manhattan Beach will continue to provide updates. Information regarding the coronavirus is changing frequently. For accurate and up to date information about COVID-19, please visit the [County Department of Public Health website](#), [sign up for eNotifications](#) and [Nixle](#) public safety alerts, and follow the City on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Nextdoor](#), and [Instagram](#).

For questions on the implementation of the County's Order and City measures related to addressing COVID-19, please send an email to [covid-19questions@citymb.info](mailto:covid-19questions@citymb.info).