

**CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH
DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES ORDER NO. 4**

PARTIAL REOPENING OF POLLIWOG PARK ON A TRIAL BASIS, REQUIRING FACE COVERINGS, AND RESTATING THE CITY'S EXISTING SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIREMENTS

EFFECTIVE APRIL 25, 2020, AT 6:30 A.M.

WHEREAS, international, national, state, and local health and governmental authorities are responding to an outbreak of respiratory disease caused by a novel coronavirus named "SARS-CoV-2," and the disease it causes has been named "coronavirus disease 2019," abbreviated COVID-19 ("COVID-19");

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, the Governor of the State of California declared a state of emergency to make additional resources available, formalize emergency actions already underway across multiple state agencies and departments, and help the state prepare for broader spread of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States of America declared a national emergency and announced that the federal government would make emergency funding available to assist state and local governments in preventing the spread of and addressing the effects of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 20-0039, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Manhattan Beach Proclaiming the Existence of a Local Emergency;

WHEREAS, the City Manager is the Director of Emergency Services in the City of Manhattan Beach. Pursuant to Manhattan Beach Municipal Section 3.08.060.A.6.a, the City Manager as the Director of Emergency Services is empowered during a local emergency to make and issue rules and regulations on matters reasonably related to the protection of life and property as affected by such emergency;

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health issued the Safer at Home Order for Control of COVID-19, which was subsequently amended and revised (the "County Safer at Home Order"). The County Safer at Home Order was initially effective until March 31, 2020;

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, acting under the authority vested in me as the Director of Emergency Services, I ordered the closure of Manhattan Beach Pier and all City parks, fields, sports courts, exercise equipment, and other recreational facilities;

WHEREAS, on March 25 and March 27, 2020, the City Council adopted ordinances which required all persons and businesses to comply with social distancing requirements and other health and safety measures required by a state or county order or guidelines related to COVID-19;

WHEREAS, on April 10, 2020, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health extended the County Safer at Home Order until May 15, 2020;

WHEREAS, on April 22, 2020, after receiving considerable public input, the City Council had a robust discussion at its duly noticed City Council meeting regarding the gradual reopening of certain public facilities, including Polliwog Park, subject to restrictions;

WHEREAS, at the conclusion of its April 22, 2020 meeting, the City Council voted to direct me to reopen sections of Polliwog Park, require face coverings, and maintain the City's existing social distancing requirements; and

WHEREAS, in the interest of the public health and safety, as affected by the emergency caused by the spread of COVID-19, it is necessary to exercise my authority pursuant to Chapter 3.08 of the Manhattan Beach Municipal Code, Manhattan Beach City Council Resolution No. 20-0039, and the California Emergency Services Act, Chapter 7 (commencing with Section 8550) of Title 2 of the Government Code, to issue this order.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The recitals set forth above are true and correct and are incorporated into this Order by reference.

Section 2. Pursuant to Manhattan Beach Municipal Section 3.08.060.A.6.a, the City Manager as the Director of Emergency Services hereby orders the following, effective April 25, 2020, at 6:30 a.m.:

- A. The park commonly known as Polliwog Park, located at 1601 Manhattan Beach Boulevard, is reopened on a trial basis, subject to the following limitations:
 - 1. Only the green spaces within Polliwog Park are reopened.
 - 2. All other sections of Polliwog Park – including but not limited to all restrooms, courts, sports fields, picnic pads, playground equipment, and dog runs – remain closed.
- B. Prior to entering Polliwog Park, all persons shall wear a face covering that covers the nose and mouth and wear such face covering at all times within the Park.
- C. The social distancing requirements set forth in Ordinance Nos. 20-0014-U and 20-0015-U are still valid.
- D. Please note that the County of Los Angeles has issued guidance for cloth face coverings at this link
<http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/GuidanceClothFaceCoverings.pdf>
including the following guidance with respect to children:

"Children under the age of 2 (including infants) should not wear cloth face coverings. Those between the ages of 2 and 8 should use them but under adult

supervision to ensure that the child can breathe safely and avoid choking or suffocation. Children with breathing problems should not wear a face covering."

Executed on April 22, 2020.

/s/ Bruce Moe

City Manager Bruce Moe

Director of Emergency Services