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TO: City Managers

FROM: Wilma J. Wooten, M.D., M.P.H.,
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RE: COVID-19 RESPONSE

As you are aware, the novel coronavirus, which causes the disease now known as COVID-19, has begun to spread in some communities within the United States. While no cases have been detected locally and the risk of infection is low, the County of San Diego (County) declared a local health emergency and proclaimed a local emergency in February to deal with COVID-19.

To that end, we are implementing preventive measures through the installation of additional handwashing stations throughout the region, to help prevent the spread of this new disease locally.

The County is ready to partner with your city to procure, pay for, and place temporary handwashing stations in areas that would benefit the most from this preventive measure. We would like to implement these measures immediately, so please anticipate a call from us to assess your need and to put this plan in action. For any questions, please contact us at MOC.PHO.HHSA@sdcounty.ca.gov or (619) 542-4181.

Should your residents have questions or concerns related to COVID-19, please encourage them to call 2-1-1 for general information. You can also access guidelines for communities from the CDC on their [website](#), as well as updates on COVID-19 in San Diego County at www.coronavirus-sd.com.

We all have a responsibility to plan and prepare to protect our residents and communities from COVID-19 and other diseases. We encourage you to stay informed and be ready to keep San Diego County residents safe and healthy.

Sincerely,


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