



**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION TERMINATING THE CITY  
MANAGER PROCLAMATION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY  
AND THE HEALTH OFFICER DECLARATION OF A LOCAL  
HEALTH EMERGENCY IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19**

**City Council Item No. 9  
March 6, 2023**





# A Look Back

## Public Health Department

**March 4, 2020**

Health Officer declared a Local Public Health Emergency

**March 5, 2020**

First case of travel associated COVID-19 in Pasadena

**March 9, 2020**

City Council adopted a resolution ratifying the Declaration of a Local Public Health Emergency

**March 16, 2020**

City Manager proclaimed a Local Emergency

**March 17, 2020**

City Council approved resolution ratifying both the Local Public Health Emergency and Local Emergency



# COVID-19 By the Numbers

Public Health Department

## As of March 3, 2023

- **442** Pasadena residents have died as a result of COVID
- **42,444** reported lab-confirmed and probable cases
- **42,628** vaccines administered
- **32,090** COVID-19 tests distributed
- Over **100,000** pieces of personal protective equipment provided to the community and long-term care facilities
- Investigated nearly **3,320** outbreaks at businesses, facilities, and schools/daycares



# COVID-19 Response

Public Health Department

## City employees were declared disaster service workers and engaged to respond to the pandemic

- **226** employees supported Medical Point of Dispensing (MPOD) sites at Victory Park, Pasadena City College, and **60** pop-up clinics across the city
- **17** employees were reassigned to Pasadena Public Health Department (PPHD) to support case investigation and contact tracing
- **5** employees were reassigned to support the PPHD Department Operations Center



# COVID-19 Response

Public Health Department

## **The City took measures to support residents and businesses including**

- Authorizing sidewalk and alley dining
- Providing access to free meals
- Enacting a moratorium on evictions
- Offering temporary housing for people experiencing homelessness
- Suspending time limits for city processes
- A report on these measures and recommended future actions will be presented at the March 27 City Council Meeting

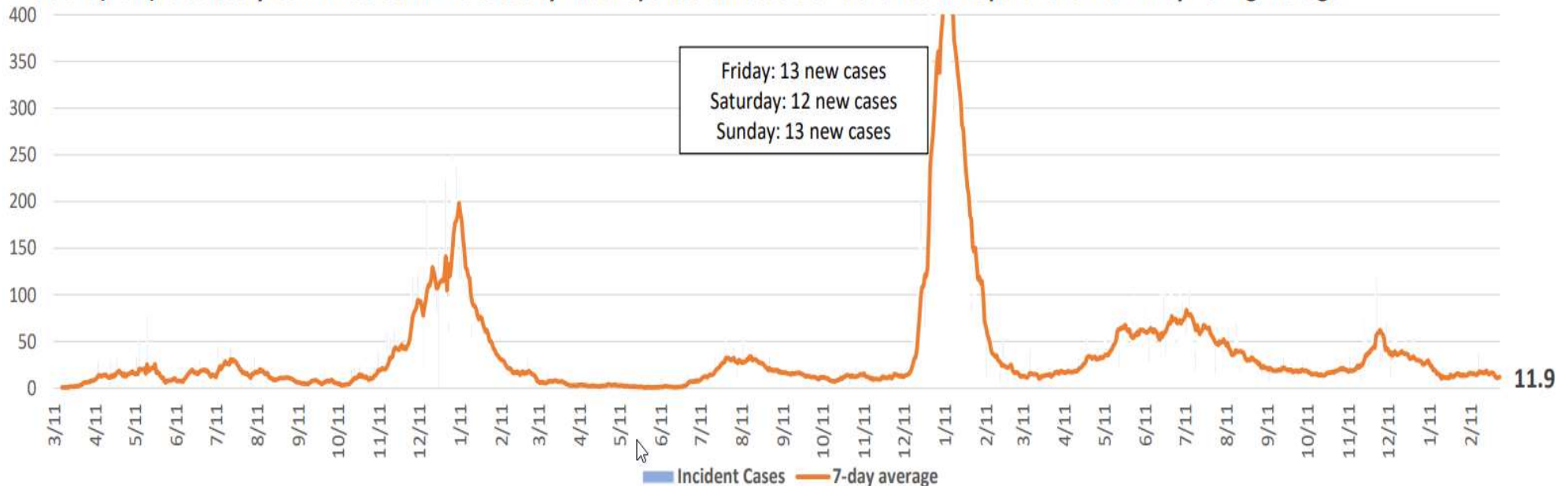


# Current Trend

Public Health Department

- COVID-19 activity in Pasadena has remained low this winter season
- Cases have steadily declined since the first week of December 2022

Incident (New) Laboratory-Confirmed COVID-19 Cases by Date Reported to Pasadena Public Health Department with 7 Day Rolling Average





# Resolution to Terminate

Public Health Department

Terminate the declaration of a local health emergency related to COVID-19 effective  
March 6, 2023;

and

Terminate the proclamation of a local emergency related to COVID-19 effective  
March 31, 2023.



# Ongoing Threat to Community Health

Public Health Department

- Ending the local health emergency and local emergency are operational and should not be construed as an end to the pandemic
- PPHD recommends everyone consider their personal and environmental factors to assess their risk of contracting COVID-19 to protect themselves and others
- The Health Officer has authority to implement health orders even without a local health emergency
- PPHD staff are evaluating the updated CDPH guidance issued on March 3 to assess the need for supplemental local guidance





# COVID-19 Resources

## Public Health Department

- PPHD will continue to offer free COVID-19 bivalent boosters on Mondays and Wednesdays, 8:30am-11:30am and 1-4:30pm
  - > The bivalent booster is effective in decreasing the spread of COVID-19, preventing severe illness, and reducing hospitalizations and deaths
- Residents with insurance are encouraged to speak with their healthcare provider about accessing test kits
- PPHD will maintain the COVID-19 data dashboard on city website through end of March
- COVID-19 surveillance will transition to routine communicable disease surveillance



# COVID-19 Resources

## Public Health Department

- Grant funding is secured through July 2024 to support COVID-19 response including 33.40 Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) employees to conduct:
  - > Case investigations and contact tracing
  - > Healthcare-associated infection efforts (hospitals and skilled nursing facilities)
  - > COVID-19 surveillance
  - > Community outreach and delivery of vaccine
- PPHD will monitor grant funding availability and pursue opportunities to sustain needed services



# Recommendation

Public Health Department

- Find that the proposed action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to state CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 (b) (3) (Common Sense Exemption); and
- Adopt a resolution terminating the City Manager Proclamation of a Local Emergency and the Health Officer Declaration of a Local Public Health Emergency in response to COVID-19.