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# FRESNO CITY COUNCIL



## Information Packet

### ITEM(S)

#### **File ID 21-048**

Resolution - Declaring A State Of Emergency Due To Insufficient Intensive Care Unit Beds And Medical Personnel In The City And County Of Fresno, And Requesting Immediate Relief From Governor Newsom.

### **Contents of Supplement: Resolution.**

#### **Item(s)**

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RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
FRESNO, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING A STATE OF  
EMERGENCY DUE TO INSUFFICIENT INTENSIVE CARE  
UNIT BEDS AND MEDICAL PERSONNEL IN THE CITY AND  
COUNTY OF FRESNO, AND REQUESTING IMMEDIATE  
RELIEF FROM GOVERNOR NEWSOM

WHEREAS, the City declared an emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic on March 16, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Fresno County currently has 274 Intensive Care Unit (ICU) beds and the system is currently full; and

WHEREAS, as of December 7, 2020, that number includes 159 adult beds (153 occupied), 11 pediatric beds (11 are occupied), and 104 neonatal beds (68 are occupied); and

WHEREAS, as of December 7, Community Regional Medical Center had 12 ICU patients in the emergency department waiting for beds; and

WHEREAS, while there is some "overflow" bed capacity at the Fresno Convention Center, those beds are not ICU beds; and

WHEREAS, all regional hospitals are struggling with staffing, as several hundred workers are out at a time due to positive COVID tests or close contact with a COVID patient; and

WHEREAS, as of December 7, the total number of COVID-19 cases in Fresno County is 40,869, with 506 deaths; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 numbers in the region continue to rapidly rise, with no relief in sight.

WHEREAS, it is imperative that Governor Newsom provide immediate assistance to the City of Fresno.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Fresno as follows:

1. The Council hereby requests Governor Newsom provide immediate relief to help (1) increased ICU capacity; (2) increased medical staffing; and (3) increased COVID-19 vaccination allocation to the Central Valley region.

2. The City reserves the right to pursue enforcement against those in violation of state and local emergency orders including mass gatherings and illegal concerts/events if COVID-19 numbers in the City intensify.

3. This resolution is effective immediately.

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA )  
COUNTY OF FRESNO ) ss.  
CITY OF FRESNO )

I, YVONNE SPENCE, City Clerk of the City of Fresno, certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the City of Fresno, at a regular meeting held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2020.

AYES :  
NOES :  
ABSENT :  
ABSTAIN :

Mayor Approval: \_\_\_\_\_, 2020  
Mayor Approval/No Return: \_\_\_\_\_, 2020  
Mayor Veto: \_\_\_\_\_, 2020  
Council Override Vote: \_\_\_\_\_, 2020

YVONNE SPENCE, MMC CRM  
City Clerk

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
DOUGLAS T. SLOAN  
City Attorney

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Katie Doerr Date  
Chief Assistant