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Dear Kerman Community Members,

I want to personally thank you for your patience and cooperation during the current shelter in place order as we are facing challenging and uncertain times.

As communities prepare to reopen, there has been much confusion regarding recent state and county orders.

Kerman officials have been working closely with Kerman Unified School District, North Central Fire District and Fresno County, but there are many questions that remain, and the rules seem to change every day. I would like to provide a re-cap of where we are currently.

Kerman has not imposed any restrictions outside of those established at the State and County level. We are following the Fresno County Emergency Order, co.fresno.ca.us.

With that being said, in accordance with the State’s resilience roadmap, the State of California has approved Fresno County’s request to advance further into Stage 2 of reopening. Stage 2 paves the way for the safe reopening of dine-in restaurants in Fresno County.

The City of Kerman website, cityofkerman.net contains up-to-date guidelines, regulation and a checklist for restaurants, along with a multitude of COVID-19 information and resource links.

As we work toward reopening our City, we need to keep in mind the positive COVID-19 cases in our community continue to rise. It is imperative we continue to adhere to the Fresno County public health order which was updated on May 20, to include a masking recommendation. The number of cases by community is updated daily on the Fresno County CDC website co.fresno.ca.us.

During this stressful situation, there is a fine balance. The sooner we slow down the spread of the virus, the sooner we will be able to reopen.

Again, thank you all for your patience and take care of yourselves. We will get through this together.

Proudly serving our community,

Mayor Rhonda Armstrong

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