

Covid-19

Documenting the pandemic



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The ongoing Covid-19 pandemic first reached the U.S. mid January of 2020. Because of the rapid spread of the Corona Virus, several countries like China and Italy went on a strict lockdown to help reduce the spread of the deadly virus-- U.S. states soon followed with their own, individual stay-at-home orders.

Before the stay-at-home order in California was put into place at the end of March, Universities and colleges around the state transitioned classes to an online platform and closed their campuses.

El Camino College was one of them. Originally, ECC's campus was only supposed to be closed through spring break, but updates from college officials quickly informed students that classes would remain online and campus would stay closed for the remainder of the Spring 2020 semester and through the summer term.

The closure of the college put a halt to the work being produced by us, student journalists, on staff for *The Warrior Life*. The stay at home order prevented us from covering campus life and current events and forced us to broaden our coverage to our own neighborhoods; from Riverside, Ca to Marina Del Rey.

We're living through something none of us were ever prepared for, but instead of being idle, we decided to do what we do best, and get out there and document it -- safely, of course.



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ABOVE: A COVID-19 drive-thru testing site in Alondra Park, Lawndale.

RIGHT: APRIL 7, 2020 - The Costco line in Marina Del Rey, California, signage has been made to inform shoppers what to expect inside.



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LEFT: A painter's mask-clad man checks out bananas at Costco before public guidance to use masks was enacted.

BOTTOM: Keith Terry, right, tends to a customer looking to buy hand sanitizer from his Corona Virus supplies stand, Wednesday, May 13. Terry intends on keeping his stand up until the end of the quarantine in order to provide the community with essentials to protect against the virus.

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APRIL 12, 2020 - A man on a bicycle and a child on a hoover board cruise by the So Cal Gas Tank Farm in Playa Del Rey. Governor Gavin Newsom ordered all California beaches to be closed on May 1.



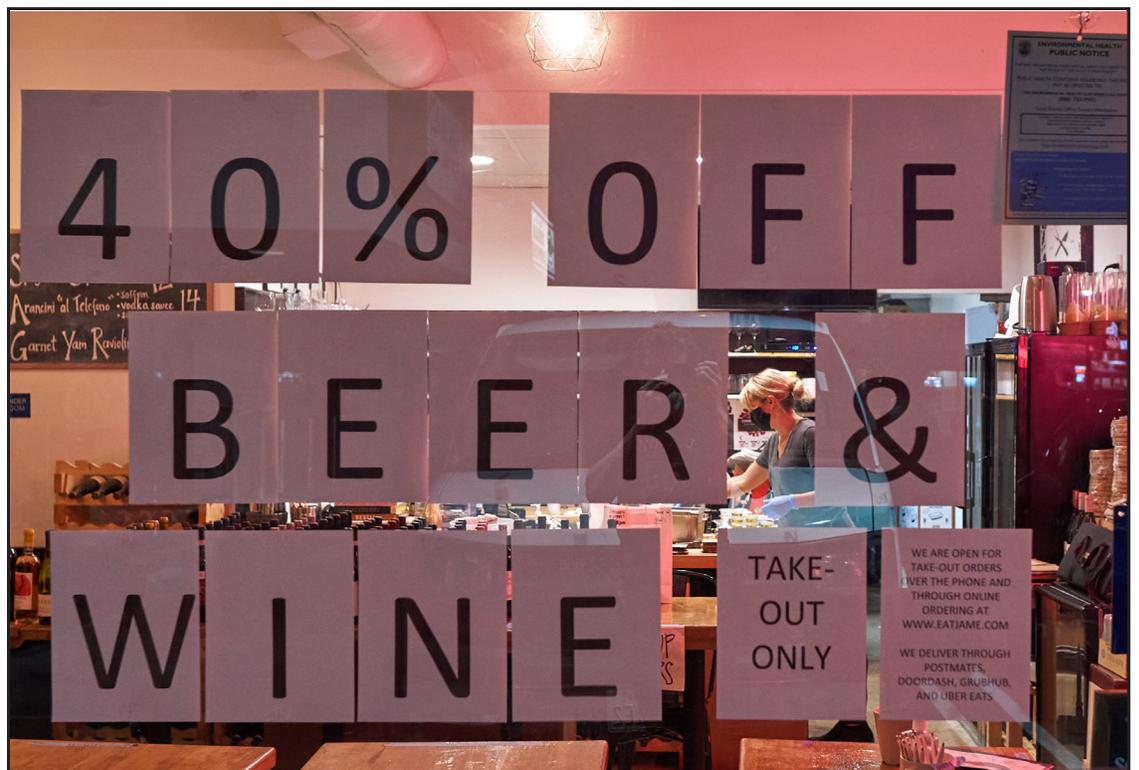
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ABOVE: Two men are about to walk past each other in line at a gas station.

RIGHT: Local El Segundo restaurant, *Jame Enoteca*, displays a home-printed sign to attract business. As the Covid-19 lockdown continues, small businesses have to get creative.



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ABOVE: Masked Chase Bank patrons line up outside the bank, waiting their turn to enter, Saturday, May 16. Lines running outside an establishment has become a common sight during the COVID -19 pandemic in an effort to enforce the social distancing rule and keep employees and the public safe.

LEFT: Luis, an elotero/ street corn vendor, fills a cup with fruit as he continues to make his weekend route through a neighborhood in Riverside during the stay-at-home order due to Covid-19. "The stay-at-home order isn't affecting me, its actually going very well for since more people are then I sell more", Luis said.

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