



**For Immediate Release
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**Message from Mayor John Valdivia—
President of the San Bernardino International Airport Authority Commission**

Health and safety are key priorities of a safe and vibrant community. Protecting the lives of our citizenry, ensuring safety for our core business groups and understanding how best to prepare for planned health emergencies are of critical importance to sustain community wellbeing. As such, I believe that the San Bernardino International Airport Authority (**SBIAA**) must take strong proactive measures to address the growing coronavirus pandemic.

Since December 2019, the severe impacts to travel, tourism and local and national economies, caused by COVID19, otherwise known as coronavirus, has affected every major continent with the exception of Antarctica. Health experts including the Centers for Disease Control, and the National Health Institute,¹ have now increased effective measures to track and identify the coronavirus outbreak, and, summarized the impact to the United States.²

At the heart of the San Bernardino International Airport and its core governance structure (five joint members, which include the City of San Bernardino, City of Colton, City of Highland, City of Loma Linda, and the County of San Bernardino) is the immediate need to assess and prepare a **comprehensive action plan** in our response to this health risk at the San Bernardino International Airport and its operations.

With growing concerns related to coronavirus, I have requested a presentation from and a discussion among the Airport Authority commissioners relative to this important health matter. At the next meeting of the monthly Airport Commission scheduled for March 25, 2020, we will be receiving an update on the existing outbreak and the potential impacts through a global & regional lens with an emphasis to protect our employees, our operations and community.

Key areas of discussion will include:

- General Overview of the COVID19 from local health policy experts and health professionals³
- Impacts to Airport Operations, our employees, and business partners
- Response and proposed tactical action plan to landing of passengers with COVID19
- Business impacts to lease holders and tenants at the San Bernardino International Airport

Regular meetings of the San Bernardino International Airport Authority Commission are held in the main auditorium of the Norton Regional Event Center, 1601 E. Third Street, San Bernardino, California, on the 4th Wednesday of each month, with Closed Session (if any) starting at approximately 3:00 p.m. and Open Session starting at approximately 3:30 p.m.⁴

¹ <https://www.nih.gov/health-information/coronavirus>

² <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/summary.html>

³ An effective tool for our community and how it may impact you, visit: <https://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/coronavirus/symptoms-causes/syc-20479963>

⁴ <http://www.sbiaa.org>