

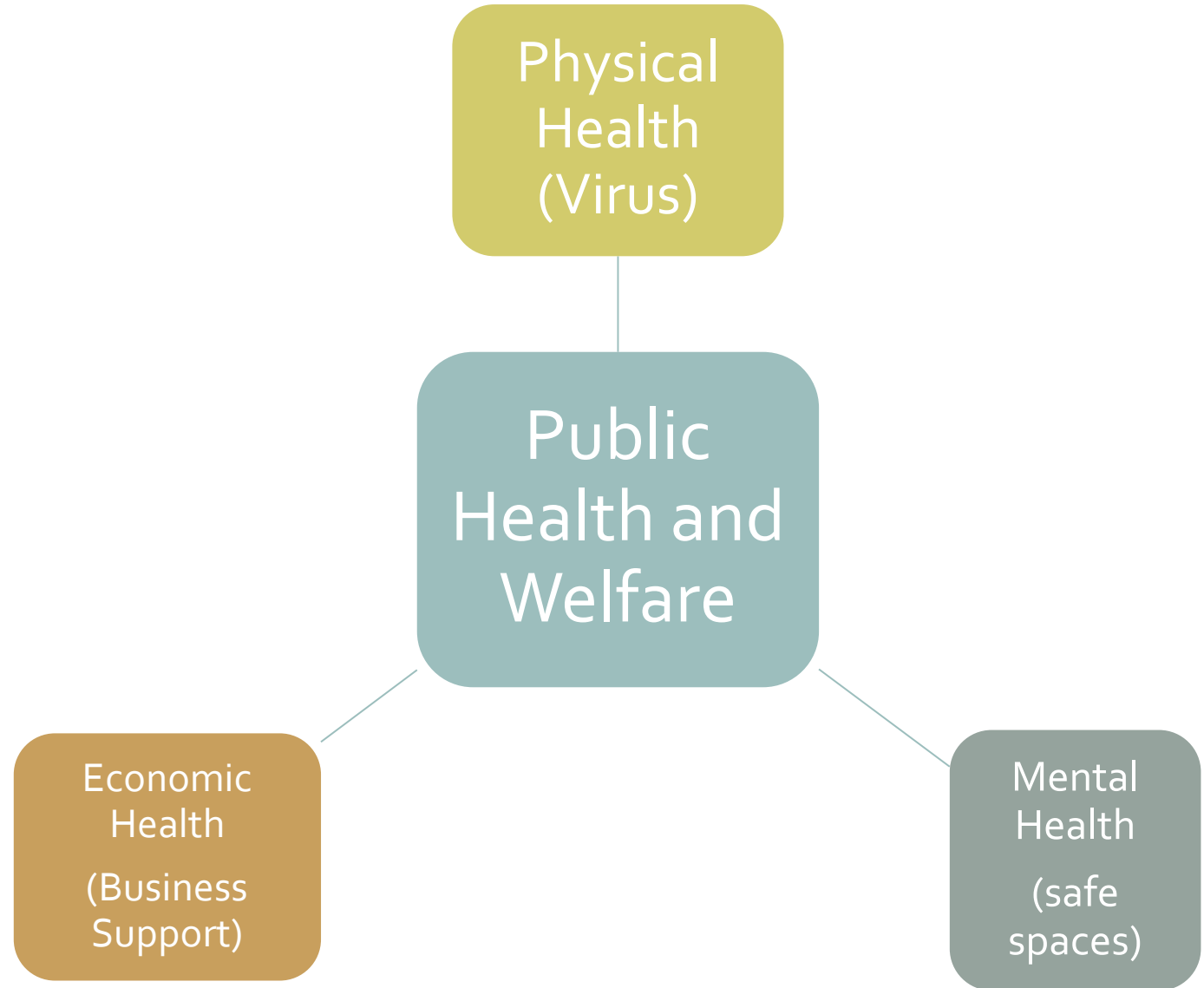
COVID-19

Enforcement Program:

Public Open Spaces and Parks
Commercial Streets and Areas

Managing
COVID-19 :

Balancing
Community
Needs



Citations:

One more tool:

Only if Needed

- Slow Streets
- Commercial Streets
- Safe Spaces

Support

Education

**Public
Health
and
Welfare**

Warnings

- Talk to People
- Staff/Volunteers
- Website
- Mayor's Town Halls
- Park Ambassadors

- Potential Repercussions
- Permits Revoked
- Citation as last resort

COVID Enforcement:

Going Forward:

More businesses opening – Changing Health Order Regulations
Cold and wet weather coming, Flu season coming
Schools opening

Residents are getting tired and frustrated
Business are getting more concerned. Some considering closing

Staff Response: Constantly adjust response and approach and resources:

- Code Enforcement staff
- Parks staff
- Police staff
- Public Information Officer
- Mayor's Town Halls.
- Business Associations
- Volunteers

Going Forward:

Commercial Districts and Areas

- Shift additional Code Enforcement Resources to COVID Enforcement (4 FTE)
- 50% (2 FTE) COVID, 50% Life Safety,
- No low priority (fences, nuisances, property maintenance, neighbor disputes)
- Increased presence, pro-active inspections (walking the street)
- Increased reliance on help from Downtown Business Association and West Alameda Business Association
- “Three Strikes” Warning System, concluding in:
 - Revocation of Encroachment Permit or Parklet Permit, or
 - Citation.

Managing COVID-19

Recreation and Parks

Additional semi-permanent safety measures at parks

- Orange construction fencing around four main playground areas and all others closed with caution tape
- Locked or removed all swings and zip lines
- Removed or bolted boards onto all basketball hoops
- 6 foot fence around the handball court
- Temporary hand sanitizer stations at many parks and adding two permanent hand sanitizer stations at two largest park
- Closed additional park facilities including outdoor fitness equipment, picnic tables, BBQs

Providing safe programs for our community

- Summer and after school programs
- Park permit program for local businesses to hold outdoor classes
- Permitting local youth sports teams to practice and do conditioning within safety protocols
- Manage safe protocols at park facilities open per County Health order – tennis, pickleball, dog park, skate park

What we're
experiencing

Recreation and Parks

- Ripping caution tape off playgrounds and structures on a daily basis
- Lifting children over construction fencing to play on playgrounds
- Handball court fence that's bolted to concrete ripped off
- Cut holes in fences to closed facilities
- Large, unpermitted groups in picnic areas and play games on fields – soccer, baseball, football – not wearing masks or social distancing

Moving Forward:

Recreation and Parks

- Park Ambassador program – education through positive interactions, handing out masks and incentives. Also continue to re-secure taped off park facilities.
- Citations provide an additional layer to complement the Ambassador program for large groups that may not heed a polite, education based request to disperse and need a more formal warning.

Conclusions and Recommendations

- Approve urgency ordinance establishing citation power
- Provide direction or adjustments to proposed “Going Forward” COVID Enforcement Plans presented tonight.