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***** STATEMENT *****

**MAYOR LONDON BREED ON TEMPORARILY PAUSING
REOPENINGS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, JUNE 29TH**

San Francisco, CA: Mayor London Breed today announced that San Francisco is experiencing a concerning increase in local COVID-19 cases, and as a result will be temporarily delaying the reopening of certain businesses and activities scheduled to be allowed to resume on Monday, June 29th. These include: hair salons and barber shops, nail salons, tattoo salons, museums, zoos, outdoor bars, and outdoor swimming. There is no change to businesses and activities currently allowed under prior reopening phases.

“Our reopening process is guided by data and science. COVID-19 cases are rising throughout California and we're now seeing a rise in cases in San Francisco too. Our numbers are still low but they're rising rapidly. While I know this pause is disappointing to residents and businesses owners, we need to temporarily delay the re-openings that were scheduled for Monday.

Yesterday we saw 103 new cases. On June 15th, when we first reopened outdoor dining and in-store retail, we had 20 new cases. At our current rate, the number could double rapidly. If that continues and we do not intervene, we will be at such a high number that our only option would be to shut down.

It is important to follow protective health measures and utilize the tools we already have. Everyone needs to wear face coverings, maintain social distance, and practice good hygiene.

Do not wait to get tested. If you are feeling symptomatic, get tested. If you are an essential worker or you need to leave the house for work, get tested. And have your family get tested too.

Our public health experts will evaluate the data over the coming days to determine if it's safe to move forward. I know people are anxious to reopen—I am too. But we cannot jeopardize the progress we have made.

Let's protect each other so that we can safely reopen San Francisco.”

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