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**Rancho Los Cerritos is Reopening on June 10<sup>th</sup>**

**LONG BEACH, CALIF.** (June 1, 2020) — Rancho Los Cerritos will reopen its garden spaces to the public starting June 10<sup>th</sup>. The historic site will be open as a place of tranquility and rejuvenation Wednesday through Sunday. Hours are Wednesday through Friday and Sunday from 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm with extended summer hours on Saturdays from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm. Visiting the site will still be free, but visitors must reserve a timed ticket online at [RanchoLosCerritos.org/Reserve](http://RanchoLosCerritos.org/Reserve) in advance to ensure that the capacity of the site remains at a safe number. Tickets will be emailed to each guest; the email also details the new visitor code of conduct. Walk-up visitors will be allowed on the site on a space-available basis.

"Rancho Los Cerritos has always been a place of comfort for our family. During this time of uncertainty, special places like the Rancho gardens are needed now more than ever. We are delighted to welcome you to consider our gardens as a place of respite for your family just as it was for ours."

- Jean Bixby Smith & Barbara Bixby Blackwell, Rancho Los Cerritos Board Members

The City of Long Beach has designated Rancho Los Cerritos as an essential resource for the health and well-being of the community during the Covid-19 pandemic. As the Rancho reopens, they are reaffirming their commitment not only to serve the community but also to operate as a certified California Green Business and protect future environmental sustainability. Guests can enjoy outdoor exercise and fresh air by walking through the two looping pathways around the site. These pathways explore the California Native Garden and the orchard path to the Backyard Gardens. The Rancho also offers new, informative tours that can be found through [TheClio.com](http://TheClio.com) and in the Clio app.



Rancho Los Cerritos' Backyard Garden



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“The lessons of history have taught us that even during the most difficult times, we must protect and treasure our cultural institutions. Rancho Los Cerritos staff will continue to work to bring the historic voice of the diverse people who shaped Southern California to life for our community so that we can continue to share their stories well into the future. You are a part of the story.”

- Susan Wise, Rancho Los Cerritos Board Chair

The health and wellbeing of guests, staff and volunteers is the Rancho’s top priority. Therefore, the staff has implemented enhanced cleaning and sanitizing procedures and hand sanitizer stations will be available for guests onsite. The number of guests on site and the length of visits shall be limited to allow time for all who wish to visit. Rancho Los Cerritos asks that visitors wear face coverings in compliance with Long Beach City orders, only visit if you are feeling well and symptom free, maintain 6+ feet of distance between groups, cover your sneeze or cough, and do not shake hands or engage in any unnecessary physical contact. This is phase two of the Rancho’s 4 phase reopening plan. The full reopening plan can be found on the Rancho Los Cerritos website.

"We are thrilled to be opening the beautiful Rancho grounds to the public. The Rancho is a place of respite and relaxation for our community and we hope people will take a break in their days to walk the grounds and see how spring, and soon summer, are beautiful seasons to be part of."

- Alison Bruesehoff, Executive Director



Rancho Los Cerritos’s California Native Garden

Rancho Los Alamitos will be reopening on June 20<sup>th</sup>.

**To Reserve Free Tickets**

**[RanchoLosCerritos.org/Reserve](http://RanchoLosCerritos.org/Reserve)**



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**About Rancho Los Cerritos**

Rancho Los Cerritos is the only local, state, and national historic landmark in Long Beach, California. It is operated by the Rancho Los Cerritos Foundation in a public/private partnership with the City of Long Beach. The site echoes with the rich history of indigenous, Spanish, Mexican and American California. The 5-acre site contains beautifully preserved historic gardens which are open Wednesday through Sunday for visitors to enjoy.

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