Dear Friends,

One of the most important services that the County of Santa Clara can provide for you is updated information on the state of the COVID-19 health crisis in our County and the region.

Today, County officials started to offer daily briefings to residents live through the Public Health Facebook page. These briefings will occur at 10 a.m., Monday through Friday, and will feature a variety of guests. Wednesday’s chat was guided by Deputy County Executive Officer David Campos and included Public Health Officer Sara Cody, County Counsel James Williams and Board of Supervisors President Cindy Chavez.

The topic today was the new Shelter in Place Order and what essential businesses need to do. The video was livestreamed through Facebook from the Emergency Operations Center. You can watch these briefings on the Public Health Department Facebook Page.

TONIGHT - COVID-19 Radio Town Hall

Please join me for a Town Hall discussion on COVID-19 on the Sound of Hope radio station tonight from 6 to 7 p.m. Our County Chief Executive Officer Jeff Smith will be joining us for this live discussion to also answer any questions you may have about how the County is responding to COVID-19. Tune in to FM 96.1 or FM 92.9 for a discussion with radio host Cathy Zhang. To ask a question, dial 1-888-275-1628. You can also stream the discussion live or watch it later at https://tinyurl.com/CorteseRadio.

Update on Coronavirus

The County Public Health Department reports that the current number of confirmed cases is 956, and, sadly, 32 people in the County have passed away. The website,
sccgov.org/coronavirus, is updated each afternoon with important details including a dashboard of new COVID-19 cases which can be seen at this [link](https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0?ik=cb2fc1e664&view=pt&search=all&permmsgid=msg-f%3A1662804077322631774&simpl=msg-f%3A1662804077322631774).

**Census 2020 Day is Today!**

Census Day is today, April 1, 2020. Please don’t forget to fill out the census form online, on paper or by telephone. Several weeks ago, you received a paper census survey form in the mail. You can also fill it out online at the County’s webpage at sccgov.org/census or over the phone by calling 844-330-2020.

This census is very important to Santa Clara County residents. Data collected in the census is used for the appropriation of over $675 billion in annual federal funding and apportionment for the House of Representatives. Census data also assists in the drawing of voting precincts, congressional and state legislative districts, and school districts. If there is an undercount in California, the state could lose a seat in Congress and receive less federal funding.

**Donate to COVID-19 Relief**

The District 3 Office is helping to coordinate donations for COVID-19 relief. Our office has helped coordinate donations of over 10,000 medical masks and other supplies such as mattresses for our unhoused community.

You can help financially with monetary donations or donations of medical supplies to the VMC Foundation. The Silicon Valley Community Foundation is collecting cash donations to provide relief for residents, small businesses, and nonprofits. The Santa Clara County Office of Supportive Housing is accepting housing related donations for those that may be homeless or in need of housing due to COVID-19. Please email housing@eoc.sccgov.org for more information.

Corporations interested in providing medical supplies and other material assistance during this emergency are encouraged to contact the Business Operations Center to evaluate and route larger donations. They can be reached at sccboc@gmail.com.

For those who cannot donate financially, food and blood donations are still urgently needed through Second Harvest of Silicon Valley and the Red Cross, respectively. Donations of non-medical supplies, blankets, personal hygiene, diapers, infant formula, food, clothing and other goods should be given to the local community organization of one’s choice.

Thank you to all who have been following the guidelines, donating generously and keeping yourselves and your families safe and healthy. You can call my office at 408-299-5030 or email me at dave.cortese@bos.sccgov.org.

Thank you,

Dave Cortese
County Supervisor, Third District

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