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Small Business Webinar and Resources for COVID-19

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Dear Friends,

As a community, we are doing very well at sheltering in place. And by doing that, we are saving lives. So please keep staying at home and following social distancing rules if you do go out.

In spite of these efforts, we anticipate that the number of confirmed cases will continue to grow before we hit a peak and the numbers begin to slow. We are preparing for a surge, or rapid increase of cases, that could overload our health system. Dr. Jennifer Tong, Hospital Surge Capacity Branch Chief of the County of Santa Clara Emergency Operations, explained during today's live-streamed public briefing how we are preparing and how you can keep up to date with these efforts.

There are three dashboards available on the sccphd.org/coronavirus web page: the COVID-19 Case Dashboard, the COVID-19 Hospital Data Dashboard and the COVID-19 Testing Dashboard. They are updated daily.

- The Case Dashboard shows that as of April 1, there are 956 confirmed cases, and 32 deaths.
- The Hospital Data Dashboard shows that 198 people confirmed with COVID-19 are in the hospital, and of those, 90 are in ICU beds. The total number of all beds in use in all 11 hospitals in the County of COVID-19 cases and other health conditions is 714, and 936 are available. There are 92 ICU beds still available. The Hospital Data Dashboard also shows that 36.6% of the available ventilators are in use.
- The Testing Dashboard shows that, 8,246 people in Santa Clara County have been tested for COVID-19, and 956, or 11%, of those tested positive, 7,138 tested negative and 152 tests are pending.

Dr. Tong said her team is coordinating with hospitals to prepare for a dramatic increase in cases by increasing personal protection equipment kits (masks, gowns and gloves), increasing the number of beds and increasing staffing. The VMC Foundation is currently collecting monetary donations and medical equipment. There are currently an extra 250 beds available at the Santa Clara Convention Center which has been transformed into an emergency hospital and more testing kits and labs are becoming available.

Please visit the [VMC Foundation](#) website to see how you can help.

News Conference on Tenants and Landlords

Today, I joined San Jose City Councilmember Magdalena Carrasco, Michael Trujillo and Nuemi Guzman from Law Foundation of Silicon Valley, Christopher Rios, a renter who lives in Milpitas, and SiliconValley@Home for a virtual news conference to inform tenants

and landlords about the newly passed Santa Clara County eviction moratorium. This policy will protect people from being evicted due to loss of income or emergency medical expenses related to COVID-19.

In brief:

- Tenants cannot be evicted if they are unable to pay rent because of lost income or medical expenses due to COVID-19.
- The eviction moratorium is in effect through at least May 31, 2020, and applies in all 15 cities and towns in Santa Clara County.
- To be protected from eviction, tenants must notify their landlord that they will have trouble paying rent and provide some written proof or documentation.
- Tenants will be responsible for paying back rent and should continue to pay what rent they can.
- After the eviction freeze ends, tenants will have 120 days to pay any owed rent.

Small Business Webinar and Resources

I have partnered with Dennis King, director of the Small Business Development Center to present a webinar from 3 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 4, on resources available to small businesses during this difficult time, with an emphasis on Federal Economic Injury and Payroll Protection Funding. To watch, visit [facebook.com/davecortese/](https://www.facebook.com/davecortese/).

The Small Business Development Center has resources on their website to help businesses cope with COVID-19. Visit their site today to learn more: <https://www.svsbdc.org>.

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Thank you again for your cooperation in following the guidelines, your compassion in helping others and your generosity in donating money and time to help us through this difficult time. And please don't forget to be grateful that we have such dedicated healthcare workers throughout the County who are on the frontlines every day to save lives.

My office can be reached at 408-299-5030 or you can email me at dave.cortese@bos.sccgov.org.

Thank you,

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