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New COVID-19 Testing Site in Milpitas

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Dear Friends,

Today, a new Coronavirus drive-up testing site operated by the Santa Clara Valley Medical Center is opening at the Milpitas Sports Center. The testing initially will be open only to patients of the County Health System, but may be extended to more people in the community as testing capacity increases.

The Milpitas Sports Center, which is owned and operated by the City of Milpitas, will be open for testing from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. daily, and patients will be scheduled for time slots by Valley Connection, which is the appointment line, 1-888-334-1000, for Santa Clara Valley Medical Center's primary care clinics. The hours could be increased if demand for testing increases.

Any decision on expanding this site would be made by the County Public Health Department and the County Emergency Operations Center. The Milpitas testing site is the second testing site for SCVMC, which is also looking at other potential testing sites in the North County, South County and East San Jose.

The availability of widespread testing is one of the key factors that Dr. Sara Cody will look at before there are any changes to the Shelter in Place Order.

Coronavirus Update

As of 5 p.m. on April 14, the County Public Health Department reports that the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 is 1,793, with 65 deaths. The Public Health Department website's [dashboards](#) include information on how many are now in hospitals and the lab testing results. The Public Health Department has added a new dashboard to reflect the number of cases in long-term health facilities. The dashboards and much more vital information can be found at sccphd.org/covid19.

Watch Our Fundraiser for Healthcare Heroes

Thank you to those who gave in support of our fundraiser for frontline healthcare workers fighting COVID-19. We were joined by Congressman Ro Khanna, Countywide Hospital Surge Branch Director for the County of Santa Clara Emergency Operations Center, Dr. Jennifer Tong, and Valley Medical Center Foundation CEO Chris Wilder.

In case you missed the online event, you can [watch it here](#).

Donate in support of our healthcare heroes by visiting [tinyurl.com/ SCCHealthcareWorkers](https://tinyurl.com/SCCHealthcareWorkers) or texting "GiveSCC" to 243725.

In the News

Did you get a chance to see recent coverage of our work in your local news? Check out the below links for some recent updates:

ABC News: [Bay Area official: When 49ers, Sharks return is a local call](#)

The Mercury News: [With Easter ahead, Bay Area officials drill down on staying home](#)

SF Gate: [Officials Urge Continued Physical Distancing This Weekend](#)

Mountain View Voice: [County launches new hotline for residents in 'untenable' job situations during crisis](#)

Inventory of Personal Protective Equipment

Today at 11:59 p.m. is the deadline for businesses and individuals to report to the County any large quantities of N-95 masks, gloves, gowns, goggles, face shields and other PPEs. Dr. Cody issued this order on April 8 to help determine the supply of these important medical supplies, another key factor in determining changes to the Shelter in Place Order. For a complete list and full details of the order, and to complete the one-time disclosure, [visit www.sccphd.org/cv19ppe](http://www.sccphd.org/cv19ppe).

Milpitas Business Resiliency and Recovery Webinar

The City of Milpitas is hosting a webinar on business resiliency and recovery on Thursday, April 16 at 9 a.m. Businesses seeking assistance on the CARES Act and state loan applications, disbursement of funds, relief programs, youth employment and internships, and other vital resources can join this webinar for expert advice and guidance on these important COVID-19 businesses responses. Register [here](#) or web stream the event [here](#).

Insurance Commissioner Orders Refunds of Insurance Premiums

State Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara ordered insurance companies to return insurance premiums to consumers and businesses during the COVID-19 emergency. The Commissioner's [Bulletin](#) covers premiums paid for at least the months of March and April — including the month of May if Shelter in Place restrictions continue — in at least six different insurance lines: private passenger automobile, commercial automobile, workers' compensation, commercial multi-peril, commercial liability, medical malpractice, and any other insurance line where the risk of loss has fallen substantially as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Update on Efforts to Serve Unhoused Residents

The [Office of Supporting Housing](#) has set up a crisis hotline at 408-278-6420 for homeless persons needing shelter or those without adequate isolation. It is answered seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. with messages picked up from the evening before.

For questions, you can call my office at 408-299-5030 or email me at dave.cortese@bos.sccgov.org.

Stay safe,



Dave Cortese
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