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## Rental Assistance During COVID-19

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Dear Friends,

The COVID-19 pandemic and the Shelter in Place Order issued to slow down its progress caused many to lose their jobs across the country and in Santa Clara County. A sudden loss of income, of course, leads immediately to the inability to pay rent and stay housed, especially in this County where a very large percentage of income is needed to pay for housing.

Last month, the Board enacted a [moratorium](#) on evictions for non-payment of rent for tenants who have suffered substantial income loss and out-of-pocket medical expenses because of the pandemic. This moratorium applies throughout the County, including cities and protects both residential as well as small business tenants.

The ban on evictions is in effect through May 31, but the Board could also extend it, if needed. The County Office of Supportive Housing's website provides information for tenants and landlords and connections to housing assistance resources. Visit the [Eviction Moratorium](#) Page for details.

The San Jose City Council has extended its temporary ban on residential evictions until May 31. And at [Tuesday's meeting](#), the City Council will call for a prohibition on rent increases until December 31.

Today's Public Health Department's Facebook [live-streamed briefing](#) focused on how tenants and landlords can navigate through this tough time, so no one is unhoused.

Homeless individuals in need of assistance may contact the Homeless Helpline operated by HomeFirst at 408-510-7600 or [outreach@homefirstsc.org](mailto:outreach@homefirstsc.org). The Office of Supporting Housing also 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.

### Coronavirus Update

As of today, the County Public Health Department reports that the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 is 1,870 and with 73 deaths. The Public Health Department website's dashboards are updated daily. Check [sccphd.org/covid19](https://sccphd.org/covid19) for more information.

### Radio Town Hall Series

Please join my Weekly Radio Town Hall series on Saturdays focused on answering your questions about COVID-19 and what the County is doing to help



**SATURDAYS: APRIL 18, 2020  
APRIL 25, 2020  
MAY 02, 2020  
7:00PM - 8:00PM PST**

**CALL IN AND ASK YOUR QUESTIONS:**  
1-408-914-0183

**TEXT YOUR QUESTIONS:**  
1-408-480-7833



For more information:  
Tara.Sreekrishnan@bos.sccgov.org / 408-299-5050

residents. Tune in to KSJX 1500AM Multicultural Radio Saturday April 18, Saturday, April 25 and Saturday, May 2 from 7 to 8 p.m. Call in to the station at 408-914-0183 to get your questions answered on air. You can also text my Office at 408-480-7833 in case you aren't able to have your call connected to the radio station, we will be sure to answer every question that is texted to us.

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with supervisor Dave Cortese

**Date: April 18th, 2020 @ 3PM - 4PM**  
Live on local Channel 24.5 KAAP  
- Nationwide: 104 UNDISPTV  
- Livestream on social media: [youtube.com/vietbaytv](https://www.youtube.com/vietbaytv)  
[facebook.com/vietbaytv](https://www.facebook.com/vietbaytv)  
- Call in and ask your questions: 408-287-3587 or 408-293-2959  
**Text your questions: 408-480-7833**

There has been a lot developing news about COVID - 19. We will share you of some important updated to help you adjust to the difficult time.  
Learn more: [tara.sreekrishnan@bos.sccgov.org](mailto:tara.sreekrishnan@bos.sccgov.org)  
[www.supervisorcortese.org](http://www.supervisorcortese.org)

### Online Town Hall

You can also join me on VietBay TV for an Online Town Hall that will be streaming on multiple platforms. The live discussion can be streamed on Saturday, April 18, from 3 to 4 p.m. at

[youtube.com/vietbaytvkaxt](https://www.youtube.com/vietbaytvkaxt)

and

[facebook.com/vietbaytv](https://www.facebook.com/vietbaytv).

Call in and ask your questions at 408-287-3587 or text my Office at 408-480-7833.

### Food Sector Workers to Receive Two Weeks Paid Sick Leave

Governor Gavin Newsom signed an executive order yesterday to support California workers of large employers in the food industry with two weeks of paid sick leave, if they are subject to a quarantine or isolation order or medical directive. The order covers workers throughout the food chain in California, including farmworkers, agricultural workers, grocery store employees, fast food chain employees, and delivery drivers. The order is meant to fill the gap left by federal relief that provides similar paid leave benefits for employers with fewer than 500 workers. Read the full press release and text of the order [here](#).

### Resources for Youth during COVID-19

The Legal Advocates for Children & Youth program of the Law Foundation of Silicon Valley has put together a community resource [guide](#) in response to the public health crisis. This guide specifically targets transitional age youth.



# EARTH MONTH VIRTUAL EVENTS



In celebration of Earth Month, Our City Forest will be hosting a variety of virtual events

Tune in to celebrate the Earth with us!

@OurCityForest on Instagram and YouTube

All events will take place at 11am PST

FRI, APRIL 17th	TREE HEALTH: GIRDLING ROOTS (Instagram Live)
SAT, APRIL 18th	URBAN FORESTRY VIRTUAL TALK (Instagram Live)
MON, APRIL 20th	PLANET TREE: K - 2ND GRADE (YouTube Live)
TUES, APRIL 21st	PLANET TREE: 3RD - 5TH GRADE (YouTube Live)
WED, APRIL 22nd	PLANET TREE: MIDDLE SCHOOL (YouTube Live)
THURS, APRIL 23rd	PLANET TREE: HIGH SCHOOL (YouTube Live)
FRI, APRIL 24th	EDDIE'S TOP 3 SPRING BLOOMERS (Instagram Live)
SAT, APRIL 25th	VOLUNTEERING WITH OCF WEBINAR (Instagram Live)



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## Virtual Earth Day Presentations

In 2017, I led the County's partnership with Our City Forest to plant 1,000 trees in unincorporated county pockets and work with local governments and agencies to build a comprehensive urban forest, a critical green infrastructure tool. Next week, to celebrate Earth Month, Our City Forest will be live streaming Planet Tree presentations on their [Instagram](#) and [Youtube](#) page.

You can reach my office at 408-299-5030, email me at [dave.cortese@bos.sccgov.org](mailto:dave.cortese@bos.sccgov.org) or visit my website at [www.supervisorcortese.org](http://www.supervisorcortese.org). Thank you again for all you are doing to help your community through this crisis.

Stay safe,

Dave Cortese  
County Supervisor, Third District



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