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## Graduation Guidance During Shelter-In-Place

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Dear Friends,

Despite the County's Shelter in Place Order, graduating students and their families can still celebrate the achievements of the Class of 2020.

The Public Health Department has worked with the Santa Clara County Office of Education to develop guidelines for school districts for some ceremonies to go forward. Please click [here](#) for the new guidelines.

Congratulations to our Santa Clara County 2020 graduates for your achievements and thank you for your patience and cooperation.

### COVID-19 Update in Santa Clara County

As of Monday, there are 2,341 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the County and 129 deaths. There are currently 102 people hospitalized in the County who are confirmed to have COVID-19. So far, 41,750 people in Santa Clara County have been tested, with a 5.61 percent positive rate. The dashboards are updated daily at the [Public Health website](#).

### TOMORROW - Discussion with Congressman Ro Khanna and NAACP

Join me and Congressman Ro Khanna from 6 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 12, for a virtual discussion with the San Jose/Silicon Valley NAACP regarding COVID-19 and its impact on the African American Community.

To access the virtual event, visit [www.tinyurl.com/SVNAACP](http://www.tinyurl.com/SVNAACP) and enter the password 917325. We will be joined by special guests including our frontline healthcare heroes.

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### Media/In the News

Did you get a chance to see recent coverage of our work in your local news and media outlets? Visit my [website](#) to learn more and read recent coverage.

I was able to speak with the [Mercury News](#) regarding new criteria, at the State and the County, for reopening businesses.

I was also able to join Pastor Jason C. Reynolds of the Emmanuel Baptist Church to [discuss how COVID-19](#) has impacted faith-based communities in Santa Clara County.

[Take a look at my Town Hall](#) from this past weekend where I answered your thoughtful questions regarding how COVID-19 will affect our County. Listeners asked a range of questions, including how COVID-19 will impact our climate, our small business community, as well as the equity and social justice impacts it will have.

### Update on my Plans to Support Foster Youth in a Post-Coronavirus World

The Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors will be voting on greenlighting my pilot program which would be the first in the nation to target the foster youth population with universal basic income.

Under this pilot program, young people transitioning out of the foster care system in Santa Clara County, those of 21 years old and up to 24 years old, would receive unconditional cash payments of \$1,000 a month from the period of June 2020 through May 2021.

Particularly in a post COVID-19 world, economic mobility will be slow for many, and even more pronounced for these youth. This program will give foster youth the tools they need to be successful to help them achieve parity in education, employment and income.

Please take a moment to [read this article I wrote for San Jose Spotlight](#) regarding my foster youth basic income pilot program. Supporting our foster youth through this pandemic is vital. Please share this article to show your support.

### Shelter in Place Is Saving Lives

The Shelter in Place measures that we've been practicing since March 17 – stay in place, maintain your space and cover your face -- are saving lives.

According to the [Big Cities Health Coalition](#), the first 45 days of stay-at-home orders across the country's large metropolitan areas have avoided approximately 2.1 million hospitalizations and 200,000 deaths.

In Santa Clara County specifically, this means 69,453 hospitalizations avoided and 7,429 lives saved. At the 60-day mark on May 16, the numbers will rise to 81,161 hospitalizations avoided and 8,409 lives saved.



We are making an important difference everyday by staying home. Let's **keep staying home** and continue to **save lives**, Santa Clara County!

Of course, these are projections only, and I am still working to make sure that the County is being completely transparent when it comes to sharing data about COVID-19 cases. But this is a somber reminder of what could have been if Public Health had not taken steps in March to control the spread of the virus.

These estimates, based on 45-day shelter-in-place/stay-at-home orders, were calculated by the Urban Health Collaborative at Drexel University's Dornsife School of Public Health using a model published by The New York Times.

The message is clear, and it's what our Bay Area health officers, including Santa Clara County's Dr. Sara Cody, have been saying: What we do matters. The sacrifices we're making make a huge difference in the health of our community during this pandemic. Thank you for following the [Shelter in Place guidelines](#) and keep up the good work!

#### **Closing the Digital Divide During and After COVID-19**

At the Board of Supervisors meeting tomorrow, the County will discuss my proposal to partner with the County Office of Education to provide coverage and purchase equipment for underserved community members, starting first with the 15,000 families identified to have the highest need of assistance. The need for connectivity has presented significant challenges for our community members and students who live in areas with poor or no broadband service. I am asking the County to secure funding to provide about 11,000 hotspots/connectivity devices and 14,000 devices, such as laptops or tablets, to these families.

Since the Board Meetings are virtual now, spoken public comments can be accepted through teleconference with details on how to provide comments at [this link](#). Members of the Public may also provide public comments in support of this item by sending an email to [BoardOperations@cob.sccgov.org](mailto:BoardOperations@cob.sccgov.org).

Thank you to my partners across the region, including County Superintendent of Schools Dr. Mary Ann Dewan, San Jose Councilwoman Sylvia Arenas, San Jose Councilwoman Maya Esparza, Vice President Maimona Afzal Berta of the Franklin-McKinley School District Board, Working Partnerships USA, and Silicon Valley Rising for [joining me at a press conference earlier today](#) in support of closing our digital divide.

**May is Mental Health Month**

The Santa Clara County [Behavioral Health Services Department](#) is highlighting #Tools2Thrive – what individuals can do daily to prioritize their mental health, build resiliency in the face of trauma and obstacles, support those who are struggling, and work towards a path of recovery.

While 1 in 5 people will experience a mental illness during their lifetime, everyone faces challenges in life that can impact their mental health. The good news is there are practical tools that everyone can use to improve their mental health and increase resiliency, and there are ways that everyone can be supportive of friends, family, and co-workers who are struggling with life’s challenges or their mental health.

One of the easiest tools anyone can use is taking a [mental health screening](#) from Mental Health America. They are also offering a [Mental Health Month Toolkit](#) filled with tips, articles, online media materials, and more.

Check out the BHSD’s [Facebook page](#) all this month for online events promoting mental health. Today at 7 p.m., BHSD presents “Modern Chinese Families in COVID-19: Adjusting to Uncertainty and a New Normal Together.” The webinar will be presented in English and live streamed. Register [here](#).

Mental Health is also the focus of this month’s Office of Immigrant Relations [newsletter](#), which is full of varied additional resources.

As always, 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 the District 3 webpage at [supervisorcortese.org](http://supervisorcortese.org).

Stay safe,



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