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FREE Testing Sites Listed

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Dear Friends,

As Santa Clara County ramps up its COVID-19 testing capacity, one of the key tools to determining the health of our community, the Public Health Department has revised its recommendations for testing categories.

Of course, anyone with symptoms – fever, cough, trouble breathing – should consult a medical provider to discuss his or her condition and seek testing. The Public Health webpage has [recommendations](#) for what to do if you are sick.

The Public Health Department is also recommending testing for many categories of people even if they do not have symptoms of COVID-19, including:

- Those who were notified that they were exposed to someone who was confirmed to have COVID-19.
- Those who work in high-risk congregate settings such as skilled nursing facilities, other long-term care facilities, jails, or shelters.
- All hospital employees, including healthcare workers and essential service employees.
- Other healthcare workers, first responders, and essential service employees, including grocery clerks, utility workers, food supply workers, or others with frequent contact with the public.
- All patients in hospitals, including those who are undergoing elective surgeries or procedures.
- Anyone over age 60 OR anyone of any age with chronic medical conditions that increase the risk of severe COVID-19 illness.

The County has increased the number of free testing sites, including three in San Jose and one in Gilroy:

- Community testing is available at the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds, [344 Tully Road](#), and at the [San José PAL Stadium, 680 S 34th Street](#), to anyone who meets the testing criteria. This testing is offered through [Project Baseline](#), a project of the State of California and Verily. Visit the [screening tool](#) to determine if you are eligible for these services. Testing at the Fairgrounds is a free, drive-through service. Testing at the PAL Stadium is a free walk-up and drive-through service for participants walking or driving to the location. Both sites operate from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday. Click here to schedule a free test.
- Two new COVID-19 testing sites have opened at James Lick High School in [San Jose, 2951 Alum Rock Avenue](#), and Christopher High School in [Gilroy, 850 Day Road](#). Both sites operate from 7 a.m. to noon and 1 to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday. Tests are by appointment only. Appointments can be made by calling 1-888-634-1123 or visiting [lhi.care/covidtesting](#) .

Anyone who meets the testing criteria can be tested regardless of insurance or immigration status. Appointment and testing services will be available in English and Spanish. These sites are operated through a County partnership with the State, OptumServe and the Santa Clara County Office of Education. Click [here](#) to schedule a free test.

For more information on testing, visit the [Public Health Testing webpage](#).

Coronavirus Dashboards Update

As of Wednesday, there are 2,382 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the County and 130 deaths. There are currently 100 people hospitalized in the County who are confirmed to have COVID-19. So far, 43,527 people in Santa Clara County have been tested, with a 5.4 percent positive rate. The dashboards are updated daily at the [Public Health website](#).

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.

Yesterday, I was joined by homeless advocate, Gail Osmer, at an encampment in San Jose to check on conditions there. This pandemic has hit the unsheltered population especially hard, which is why I've pushed to secure for them increased levels of support and testing. We cannot let them slip through the cracks during this pandemic. While we all 'shelter in place,' we must not forget those that do not have reliable shelter.



D3 Website Hosts COVID-19 Resources and Updates

My [website](#) hosts a dedicated section, updated regularly, that is focused on COVID-19. Here, you can view all of our previous newsletters, recordings of our town halls, and learn about resources and recommendations around the current public health emergency. We hope you, your family, friends, and fellow community members may find this information useful during this time.

D3 COVID-19 Informational Flyer

My staff and I have been working hard to supply the public with as many resources and as much knowledge as possible. These resources are vital to many, but reaching everyone who may need them is difficult. Please partner with me in getting the word out by [sharing our COVID-19 Informational Flyer](#) with your family and friends and neighbors. Together, we can ensure that every family has access to the help they need to stay healthy and safe during this pandemic.

Join My Saturday Town Halls



**COVID-19 TOWN HALL
WITH SUPERVISOR
DAVE CORTESE**

**EVERY SATURDAY
IN MAY FROM 3-4PM PST**

Join me every Saturday for an Online Town Hall streamed live on my Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/davecortese.gov.

The live discussion can be streamed on Saturday, May 16, May 23, and May 30 from 3 to 4 p.m. Ask questions through Facebook, call in and ask your questions at 408-287-3587, or text my Office at 408-480-7833. You do not need to have a Facebook account to stream this Town Hall.

**LIVE ON FACEBOOK:
@DAVECORTESEGOV**

[Join My Town Hall With Assemblymember Kalra and Congresswoman Lofgren](#)

**TOWN HALL FOR SANTA CLARA COUNTY
NONPROFITS WITH LAWMAKERS**

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MAY 19, 3-4PM PST

CalNonprofits

In this rapidly changing environment, answers aren't easy to get, and sometimes nonprofit needs are left out of the discussion. Join us for a virtual town hall at 3 p.m. on May 19 to hear directly from the lawmakers representing our area on COVID-19 policy and relief at the federal, state, and county levels, and the impact on nonprofits. Register at [this link](#).
Speakers:

- Assemblymember Ash Kalra
- Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren
- Supervisor Dave Cortese
- Jan Masaoka, CEO, CalNonprofits
- Lucy Salcido Carter, Public Policy Director, CalNonprofits

[Second Harvest Opening Food Distribution Site in Milpitas](#)

Beginning May 16, the City of Milpitas and the Second Harvest Food Bank will open a drive-through food distribution site at the Milpitas High School parking lot, 1285 Escuela Parkway, with a goal to serve 500 to 700 Milpitas families who urgently need groceries.

Food distribution will be the first and third Saturdays of each month from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. through August 1. Click [here](#) to volunteer and [here](#) for more information.

New COVID-19 Guidance and Information

Recently, the Santa Clara County Emergency Operations Center has released updated guidance and information on several topics.

Agricultural Industry: Information in multiple languages has been sent out to agricultural operators in the County via the Farm Bureau. Guidance includes a [letter](#) from the Consumer and Environmental Protection Agency outlining the effects of the Order on the agricultural industry and a list of [safety measures](#) for agricultural industry workers and worker housing.

Essential Workers: Updated guidance includes topics such as how to protect oneself when going to work, while at work, and after one gets home from work. It also explains what to do when home with one's family and how to plan for the possibility of falling ill.

Graduation: Joint guidance from the County Office of Education and the Public Health Department describes options for students to be recognized and receive a diploma/certificate at school campuses.

Food Facilities: The Department of Environmental Health has updated COVID-19 risk mitigation guidance for food facilities, which include grocery stores, restaurants, cafes, and other entities that prepare, serve, or sell food. All food facilities must comply with the guidance, which includes social distancing protocol and face covering requirements, health and sanitation measures for food facilities and workers, and employee health protocols. It also includes information on a recent state executive order providing emergency supplemental sick leave for food facility workers and imposing new frequency requirements for hand-washing breaks.

Contact Tracing: A new, dedicated webpage explains what contact tracing is, why it is important, what the County is doing to expand its efforts in this area, and opportunities to assist the County with this important work.

Financial Assistance

- The [Silicon Valley Strong](#) Small Business Grant Program is accepting applications through Sunday, May 17, at 11:59 p.m. The grant program will provide working capital grants of \$10,000 to 142 eligible small businesses in San Jose that have suffered financial loss due to the COVID-19 crisis. The grant can be used for payroll, rent, and other overhead costs. The [Opportunity Fund](#), a Non-Profit Financial Institution, will be responsible for managing the fund. Due to the short deadline to apply, this is an online application process only. Please read through the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) on the Opportunity Fund website, before you [apply](#).
- Destination: Home released a Request for Qualifications to identify qualified nonprofit organizations to provide direct financial assistance to vulnerable and hard to reach extremely low-income households in Santa Clara County who are experiencing additional economic hardship due to COVID-19. Qualified organizations will be eligible to receive support ranging from \$10,000 to \$40,000 to directly enroll and disperse assistance to vulnerable families and individuals. Submissions are due May 15, 2020 by 5 p.m. For more information about eligibility and requirements, download a PDF of the full [RFQ](#).

Resource Roundup

- The Public Health Department has created social media graphics to share about expanded and free testing options. Share on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).
- This Sunday, the [San Jose Gurdwara](#) will be holding drive-through food distribution for neighbors in need. Stop by from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. for fruits, bread, cereal, pasta and more.
- The Santa Clara County Library District is offering [free resources](#) to help students with homework, writing and test preparation. They also provide live one-on-one tutoring in a wide variety of subjects for students of all ages in English and Spanish. There are also links on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).
- Free Online Classes from Harvard University. Take a look at the amazing offerings, [here](#).
- During this week's [Facebook Daily Briefing](#), Behavioral Health Services Department (BHSD) Senior Manager Dr. Rachel Talamantez and Program Manager Mego Lien talked about protecting and caring for our mental health during COVID-19 and strategies to support children, youth, adults and families during and after the pandemic.
- The [BHSD homepage](#) also has downloadable information sheets to help residents effectively cope during these times. Topics include Coping with Stress, Taking Care of Children, and Grieving. Some resources are also available in Chinese, Farsi, Spanish, Tagalog, and Vietnamese. BHSD has also created a [Facebook graphic](#) with helpful phone numbers that can be shared on social media.

SLAM Youth Conference Starts This Week

The Sports, Leadership, Arts & Media (SLAM) [Youth Conference](#) is a free virtual conference open to all high school youth between 13 to 18 years of age. During the SLAM conference, youth have a chance to explore the sports industry, leadership development, the arts and media world. This conference will include three workshops during the month of May along with six keynote performances by local Bay Area musicians. The conference runs from May 14-29. Workshops are held Thursdays at 3 p.m., and performances are Fridays at 5 p.m. All youth interested in this free opportunity can RSVP at <https://tinyurl.com/slamyouth>.

As always, you can reach my office at 408-299-5030, email me at dave.cortese@bos.sccgov.org or visit the District 3 webpage at supervisorcortese.org.

Stay safe,



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County Supervisor, Third District



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