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SCC Moves into Phase 2

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Dear Friends,

Because of your cooperation with the Shelter in Place guidelines and the sacrifices you have made to stop the spread of COVID-19, Santa Clara County is able to move into Phase 2 of its Shelter in Place Order.

A joint announcement from Bay Area health officers, including Santa Clara County Health Officer Dr. Sara Cody, was made today, with details released at a [news conference](#). There was progress made on our indicators: the trend of new cases has been stable or decreasing, even with increased testing; the number of people hospitalized is declining; hospitals are reporting improved supplies of PPEs; and there is increased capacity of case investigation and tracing.

The revised order allows the reopening of retail businesses that can offer storefront pick-up, as well as the resumption of manufacturing, warehousing and logistical operations that support retail. On May 4, construction projects resumed, some recreation activities were permitted, and childcare was provided for essential workers.

For the new order to work, businesses must consistently follow social distancing protocols and public health guidance to protect their employees and customers as these activities resume. COVID-19 continues to pose a very significant risk to our communities, and continued vigilance is necessary to ensure that we do not see an increase in spread as more activities resume.

The Public Health Department will carefully monitor coronavirus cases and other data to ensure that we continue to make progress toward reducing the impact of the virus. Continuing to practice the measures that brought us to today's action, combined with testing and contact tracing in order to move on to the next phase seems to be the best strategy we have.

Bay Area residents are still required by the health order to stay home as much as possible, wear face coverings, and follow the precautions that have helped the region make progress to slow the spread of COVID-19. As we move forward, we will continue to be guided by our COVID-19 indicators and other data related to the spread of COVID-19 in our region.

Click [here](#) to visit the COVID-19 webpage and read the new order.

Coronavirus Dashboards Update

As of Monday, there are 2,452 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the County and 135 deaths. There are currently 75 people hospitalized in the County who are confirmed to have COVID-19. So far, 50,570 people in Santa Clara County have been tested, with a 4.8 percent positive rate. The dashboards are updated daily at the [Public Health website](#).

Join My Saturday Town Halls


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

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

**LIVE ON FACEBOOK:
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Join My Saturday Town Halls

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

[www.facebook.com/ davecortese gov](http://www.facebook.com/davecortese gov).

The live discussion can be streamed on Saturday 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 these Town Halls. For questions, call my office at 408-299-5030.

Join My Town Hall With Assemblymember Kalra and Congresswoman Lofgren

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

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

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. tomorrow to hear directly from the lawmakers representing our area on COVID19 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
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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 sit down with [San Jose Spotlight](#) to discuss my calls for equitable access to care for all Santa Clara County residents.

Mercury News - [Coronavirus: All Bay Area counties to allow storefront retail pickup, associated businesses to reopen](#)

Chronicle of Social Change - [California County Tests Universal Basic Income to Support Youth After Foster Care](#)

San Jose Inside - [County Approves Nation's First UBI for Former Foster Youth](#)

SF Gate - [Supes Approve Monthly \\$1K Payments For Youth Transitioning Out Of Foster Care](#)

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 neighbors. Together, we can ensure that every family has access to the help they need to stay healthy and safe during this pandemic.

Join me Wednesday for a Webinar on Affordable Housing

There is growing interest across the country among faith-based entities to bring affordable housing to their neighborhoods. This webinar will provide an overview of how faith-based organizations can develop underutilized real estate assets into affordable homes and other facilities and services such as community-based health clinics, HeadStart programs, child day care and more. The webinar will provide an overview of Enterprise's Faith-Based Development Initiative, which has invested more than \$154.8 million in grants, loans and tax credit equity supporting 1,039 affordable housing units and one community facility, with another 800 units in the pipeline.

The webinar will also include an overview of First Presbyterian Church in Hayward as a case study for how congregations can engage in affordable housing development as well as an update on California's legislative efforts to assist faith-based organizations in making it easier to provide affordable housing on their land. The webinar will be hosted by SV@Home on [Wednesday, May 20 from 1pm to 2:20pm PST](#).

COVID-19 Relief for Undocumented Immigrants

The State of California's Department of Social Services has announced the Disaster Recovery Assistance to Immigrants Program (DRAI). The state has reached out to social service contractors serving immigrants and asked for these nonprofit partners to help distribute financial assistance to immigrants who are ineligible for any other federal or state aid due to their undocumented status. Catholic Charities of California has been asked to administrate the DRAI program in the Bay Area through each of the local Catholic Charities agencies. Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County along with Catholic Charities of San Francisco and Catholic Charities of the East Bay will work together over the next seven weeks (May 18th to June 30th) to distribute approximately \$15 million in

disaster relief to approximately 35,000 undocumented immigrants. Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County's Economic Development Immigration Legal Services team is coordinating the immigration disaster assistance.

- Catholic Charities has established a toll free hotline 866-490-3899 for individuals to apply for the financial assistance.
- Please check their website at <https://www.catholiccharitiesscc.org/drai> for more information about the program and frequently asked questions..

This funding will provide much needed assistance to undocumented members of our community who are not eligible for other public relief.

Free Early Education Services for Children and Their Caregivers

The San José Public Library's Early Education Unit has launched two new services for families during the Shelter In Place Order. Stay & Play is a line-up of live virtual programs to engage children and their caregivers hosted every weekday at 10:30 a.m. on the Early Education Services [Facebook](#) page and Zoom. Families can [register](#) to participate in Stay & Play on Zoom, giving them the opportunity to form a sense of community and chat in real-time with librarians and other caregivers after storytime.

The Caregiver Café series takes place every Monday at 8 p.m. and provides a calm, safe, and non-judgmental space for caregivers to chat and connect with adult peers in an informal setting, with discussions led by Library staff. [Register here](#) for the next Caregiver Café.

Friendship Line Expands During Shelter at Home

The Institute of Aging's 24-hour toll-free [Friendship Line](#) is an accredited crisis line for older adults and adults living with disabilities. Specialists at the Friendship Line offer emotional support, elder abuse reporting, well-being checks, grief support, active suicide prevention, and information and referrals for isolated individuals. They have expanded to offer support during the COVID-19 Shelter In Place Order. Call the Friendship Line at 800-971-0016.

Helping Hands – Free Delivery Service

Santa Clara County Helping Hands is a grassroots initiative to help elderly and/or immune-compromised individuals who are at higher risk for COVID-19. The team has been matching higher-risk individuals to local low-risk volunteers who can help deliver groceries and prescriptions and provide virtual companionship.

AARP Community Connections

AARP has developed an online platform called AARP Community Connections to help address social isolation. It captures contact information from people who would like to receive a friendly check-in call from an AARP volunteer. All volunteers undergo online training before being matched with someone to call.

To request a friendly caller, call 1-888-281-0145.

Working Partnerships USA Hotline

Working Partnerships USA has launched a hotline to help people find and apply for COVID-19 resources for income loss, access to food, and other services. Start by calling the Santa Clara County COVID-19 Assistance Navigation (CAN) hotline at 408-809-2124. You can also visit their [website](#) for more information.

Rebuilding Together Silicon Valley Emergency Repairs

Rebuilding Together will continue to provide emergency repairs, specifically for those impacted by the coronavirus who have no hot water or heat, and other emergencies. The

repairs will be made through their vetted contractors. Call the main number at 408-578-9519.

SVCE Approves Programs to Disperse \$10 Million in Relief Funding

In my role as a Santa Clara County Supervisor, I helped form Silicon Valley Clean Energy, our community choice energy provider of 100% carbon-free and renewable energy, which includes 14 of 15 cities in the county and unincorporated areas of the county. Building upon its April 2020 decision to allocate \$10 million to COVID relief efforts, Silicon Valley Clean Energy approved new programs for customer relief, workforce training and community resiliency.

A customer relief program will distribute \$3.5 million directly to qualifying customers. The program will provide immediate relief to residential CARE and FERA customers in the form of a \$100 bill credit that will be automatically applied. In light of COVID, access to CARE, a monthly electricity discount of 20% or more, and FERA, a monthly electricity discount of 18% for homes of three or more people, has been expanded. SVCE encourages customers who have been affected by the pandemic to learn more about CARE and FERA discounts at the [PG&E website](#).

For more information on SVCE COVID relief programs please visit SVCleanEnergy.org/covid-19.

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,



Dave Cortese
County Supervisor, Third District



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