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Moving Forward

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Dear Friends,

As the successful efforts to stop COVID-19 from spreading continue in the County, and as some businesses and activities begin to reopen the different orders from the state and counties may be causing confusion. The state and its counties are all moving forward with modifying Shelter in Place orders, but at different paces.

In Santa Clara County, Dr. Sara Cody, the County Public Health Officer, wants to make sure that there is enough time between loosening restrictions so that health officials know the impacts of that action before making further decisions. To make sure that any return to normalcy doesn't cause a spike in the increase of cases or deaths, Dr. Cody recommends waiting 14 to 21 days, a full incubation period.

In other words, Dr. Cody and other health officials don't want to risk the health and lives of residents without a real understanding of the effects of their decisions. In a public health emergency, it is the Public Health Officer in each County who makes the decisions, after looking at data and consulting with other health officials about measures to keep people safe. Like some residents, I may want us to move more quickly than we are, but we must all follow the guidelines of Dr. Cody, and saving lives must be our priority.

I am especially concerned about the health and safety in communities where the infection rate is higher, including Latino, African-American and Asian neighborhoods in San Jose. On Tuesday, the Board of Supervisors will consider my proposal (Item 28) to significantly increase outreach efforts where our data shows high rates of infection. To join the meeting, use [this link](#).

The Board also met on Tuesday, May 26, and were given presentations on COVID-19 updates, testing, contact tracing and other coronavirus topics. Read the full report [here](#), and watch full video of the meeting [here](#).

Thank you for everything you have done to bring us to this point – following the guidelines, making sacrifices and showing the patience and resilience of a community that cares about all residents. Please call my office if you have questions or concerns at 408-299-5030 or visit my website for information at supervisordavecortese.org.

Coronavirus Dashboards Update

As of Wednesday, there are 2,688 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the County and 140 deaths. There are currently 52 people hospitalized in the County who are confirmed to have COVID-19. So far, 67,694 people in Santa Clara County have been tested, with a 3.9 percent positive rate. The dashboards are updated daily at the [Public Health website](#).

Radio Town Hall with Dave – June 1



Join us for a live discussion on the Sound of Hope radio station about the challenges we face as a community and how the County is responding. Tune in to FM 96.1 on Monday, June 1 from 6 to 7 p.m., when I will answer your questions with radio host Cathy Zhang. Dial 1-888-275-1628 to call in to ask your questions during the live Town Hall. You can also stream video of this discussion live or after the event at <https://tinyurl.com/CorteseRadio> or on my Facebook page at www.facebook.com/davecortese.gov.

Online Town Hall on Saturday



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

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

**LIVE ON FACEBOOK:
@DAVECORTESEGOV**

Join me from 3 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 30, for an online Town Hall streamed live on my Facebook page at:

www.facebook.com/davecortese.gov.

You can 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.

We hope you can join us.

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.

San Jose Spotlight -[Santa Clara County extends eviction moratorium, approves COVID-19 cost tracker and outreach](#)

Free Summer Camps and Activities for Qualifying Youth

Children ages 18 and under who live in Santa Clara County and are either qualified for CalWORKS or CalFresh benefits (such as free or reduced price meals), a current or

former foster youth, on probation, or have special needs, can go to summer camp for free this year.

The Public Health Department has issued guidelines on how summer programs can operate safely, including limiting the number of children per group and following the County's health protocols. There are still many allowed activities that kids can sign-up for, including karate, music lessons, art classes, fitness, after-school activities, and horseback riding lessons. More information [here](#).

San Jose Reopens More Park Amenities

San Jose park benches and most of its 65 sport fields are now open. With benches in 206 parks, it will take time to open all of them for public use. Residents who choose to use opened park amenities are expected to abide by all posted signage as well as the orders and guidance from the County Health Officer.

This includes staying out of closed areas, not sharing recreational equipment, and only using open facilities with members of your household. Social gatherings are also prohibited. Benches and sport field users must not gather with people outside their household. To prevent overuse, the sport fields at Ramac and Watson parks will remain closed. For more information about park amenities, visit bit.ly/prnsreopens.

Pandemic EBT Card Applications Now Being Accepted

The California Departments of Education and Social Services are issuing one-time food stamp credits of up to \$365 per child to help qualifying families get through the coronavirus outbreak. Families with children who qualify for free or reduced-price meals at their schools—regardless of immigration status—can apply for the Pandemic-Electronic Benefit Transfer card (P-EBT).

Families receiving a P-EBT card can buy groceries at most grocery stores and farmers' markets as well as online through Amazon and Walmart. Children may continue to receive "grab n go" meals or emergency food at COVID-19 emergency feeding sites offered by schools and community locations, even if they are receiving P-EBT benefits.

Most families with children who receive CalFresh, Medi-Cal, or Foster Care benefits do not need to apply online. They will get their P-EBT card in the mail this month. More information and an application can be found at <https://ca.p-ebt.org/>.

Funding Available for COVID-19 Financial Assistance Program

Additional funding is now available through the COVID-19 Financial Assistance Program administered by Sacred Heart Community Service and Destination: Home. Because there is a limited amount of funding available, this round of assistance will focus on serving those in our community who are most in need of assistance. Eligible households will receive \$1,000 for every individual who meets the eligibility criteria up to \$2,000 per household. More information and the application can be found [here](#).

Change in Shelter Placement Hotline Hours

Due to a decrease in demand, County of Santa Clara, California's COVID-19 shelter placement hotline for homeless individuals has moved to a Monday-Friday schedule, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The hotline will no longer be staffed on weekends and County-observed holidays. This change is due to a significant drop in weekend calls, and to allocate staffing resources on weekdays to emphasize placing people into soon-to-open permanent housing sites.

On weekends and holidays, callers can leave a detailed message and staff will return the call during the next business day. Shelter placements for homeless individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 will still be performed on weekends. Those calls will be

transferred to the County’s Emergency Operations Center (EOC) staff to coordinate placements.

The shelter placement hotline can be reached by calling (408) 278-6420. On weekends, Emergency Operations Center (EOC) placement staff can be reached by calling (408) 808-7770. Weekend hours at the EOC are 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Sunnyvale Small Business Assistance Program Goes Live

The City of Sunnyvale has launched the [Sunnyvale Cares Small Business Assistance Grant Program](#), which is now offering grants of up to \$15,000 for qualified small businesses to cover payroll, rent, inventory, or certain other expenses. To be eligible, Sunnyvale businesses must have between 1 and 50 full-time employees; restaurants can have up to 100 employees. Funds come from the City of Sunnyvale as well as several private companies and foundations. In total, \$1.3 million is available for Sunnyvale businesses through this program.

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

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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