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Keeping You Updated

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Coronavirus Dashboards Update

As of Thursday, there are 2,701 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, 68,965 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](#).

Update from District 3



A few weeks ago, I visited an encampment in San Jose to check on conditions. This week, my Office returned and worked with volunteers to help clean up the tent camp on Spring Street in San Jose. Our Office was also able to secure the donation of trash bins from Green Team. Thank you to the local advocates for our unhoused who organized this cleanup. By the end of the cleanup, both bins were filled.

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.

Virtual Forum on Road Safety for Bicyclists During COVID-

Join me and the Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition for an informal conversation about road safety for bicyclists as we shelter in place. We'll also be joined by representatives from the County Roads Department, the County Sheriff and the California Highway Patrol. The Forum will begin at 6 p.m. on Monday, June 8, and will be framed around the questions and concerns submitted by the bicycling community. For more information, to register and to send in your questions or thoughts, click [here](#). We hope you'll join us on June 8!

LGBTQ COVID-19 Town Hall

The [Santa Clara County Behavioral Health Services Department](#) is organizing a series of culturally focused virtual town hall meetings to address COVID-related stress, anxiety, and other mental health issues. Participants joining over Zoom and Facebook Live can learn about local mental health resources available and have open dialogue with mental health professionals and peers.

In honor of May as Mental Health Awareness Month and to kick off June as Pride Month, the [Q Corner Peer Support Group](#) is hosting an LGBTQ Town Hall on Monday, June 1, at 3:30 p.m. Panelists will include Dr. Jules Chyten-Brennan from the Valley Health Center Downtown Gender Health Center, Dr. Kim Balsam from Palo Alto University, and Gender-Affirming Clinical Consultant Lida Vala.

You can register at [this link](#).

In the News

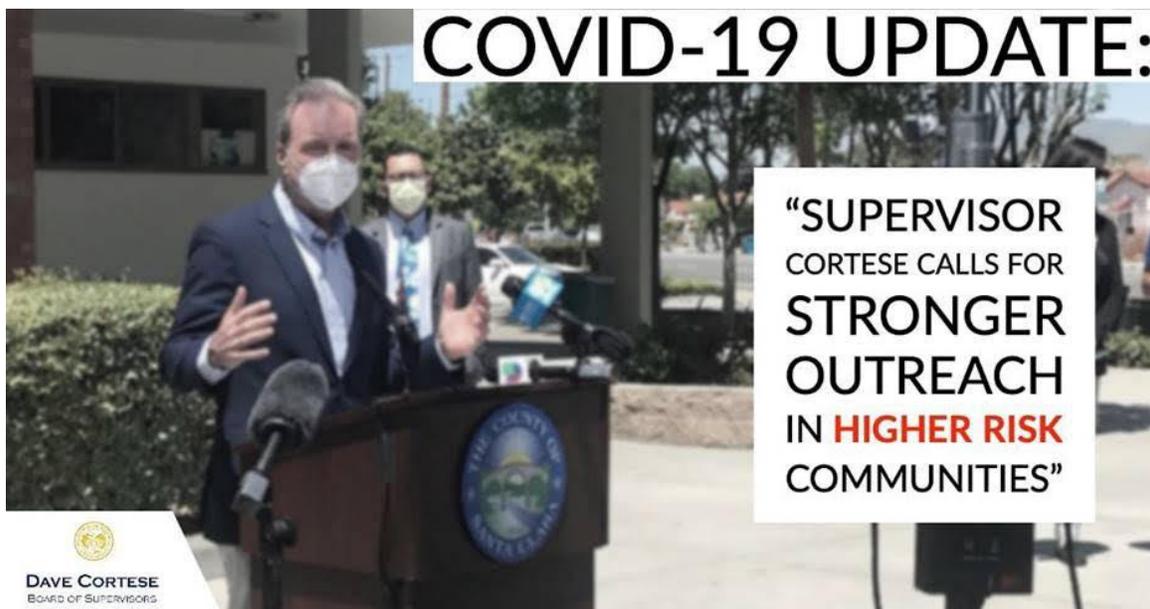
Did you get a chance to see recent coverage of our work in your local news and media outlets? Visit [my website](#) to learn more and read recent coverage. I was able to participate in a virtual event hosted by the Indian American Community Foundation titled, "Unity, Solidarity & Hope - Bringing Communities Together." Watch the full event at [this link](#).

India West - [Indo American Community Foundation Holds Virtual Unity Dinner Amid COVID 19 Pandemic](#)

San Jose Spotlight - [Demand for food assistance soars in Silicon Valley during COVID-19 lockdown](#)

Fast Company - [This \\$1000-a-month universal basic income program is designed to help foster youth survive](#)

Support Stronger Outreach in Higher Risk Communities



Not every community has felt the effects of this pandemic equally. Areas like East San Jose have been hit extremely hard. At the June 2, 2020, Board of Supervisors meeting, I will call for a plan to strengthen outreach about COVID-19 to vulnerable populations and communities that are at a higher risk of becoming infected. No group of people in this community should bear a disproportionately higher share of this health crisis.

The County's COVID-19 Cases Dashboard posted publicly on our Public Health Department's website displays disproportionate rates in our Latino, African American and Asian American communities in East San Jose. According to the Cases Dashboard, the

zip codes with the highest rate of cases per 100,000 residents are in East San Jose: 95116, 95122, 95148, and 95127.

Please consider speaking in support of this important item. Written public comments to the entire Board of Supervisors may be submitted by email to BoardOperations@cob.sccgov.org or you can speak during public comment of this item during the virtual Board Meeting by following these [public comment instructions](#).

Support Increased COVID-19 Financial Relief

Also at the June 2 Board of Supervisors meeting, Supervisor Cindy Chavez and I will ask our colleagues to support a [\\$5 million contribution](#) to the Silicon Valley Community Foundation to support Phase 2 of the COVID-19 Financial Assistance Relief Program for Santa Clara County residents.

The COVID-19 Financial Assistance Relief Program established by the Silicon Valley Community Foundation collects and allocates vital resources to prevent homelessness, provide food and address other needs of individuals and families affected by the COVID-19 crisis through lead organization Destination Home and the County's Emergency Action Network (EAN) and other nonprofit community partners.

In Phase 1 of the COVID-19 Financial Assistance Relief Program, our \$2 million contribution leveraged over \$10 million more from public and private sources. Over 4,500 families signed up for the relief in just three days.

Unfortunately, despite the success of Phase 1, over 13,000 more families are still waiting for help.

The development of Destination: Home's Phase 2 was informed by stakeholder outreach to 300 constituents of over 20 local community organizations. In Phase 2, families will receive \$500 to \$1,000 per worker, with a maximum of two per household, from organizations that the residents already know and trust.

Please consider supporting this item as well.

Stay Safe During Curbside Pick-Up

We appreciate everyone's efforts to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in Santa Clara County. As businesses begin to open for curbside pickup, let's all take care of our retail workers and business owners by continuing to practice social distancing. Do not leave home without your face covering and make sure to wash your hands often. Try to order and pay online before showing up, and do not enter the store or place of business when you arrive.

Become a Contact Tracing Volunteer

The County of Santa Clara needs you to help with contact tracing to prevent widespread transmission of COVID-19. Whether you work in health care or not, talents of all kinds are welcome and encouraged. All volunteers will be trained by Public Health. The work can be done from home if volunteers have reliable internet, access to a computer, and a place to make private phone calls. We especially need volunteers who speak English, Spanish or Vietnamese. We look forward to you joining our team! Learn more and sign-up on [my website](#).

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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