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## Help for the Struggling

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Dear Friends,

The Board of Supervisors today unanimously approved contributing \$5 million to the Silicon Valley Community Foundation's Phase 2 COVID-19 Financial Assistance Relief Program.

The allocation, which was proposed by me and Supervisor Cindy Chavez, will provide vital resources to prevent homelessness, provide food and address other needs of individuals and families in Santa Clara County affected by the COVID-19 crisis through Destination Home and the County's Emergency Action Network and other nonprofit community partners.

The County's \$2 million contribution during the first phase of the program leveraged more than \$25 million from public and private sources.

Destination Home reached out to 300 residents in more than 20 local community organizations in developing the second phase of the fund. In Phase 2, families will receive \$500 to \$1,000 per worker, with a maximum of two per household, from community organizations that they already know and trust. Priority will be given to extremely low-income residents who do not qualify for federal stimulus relief funding, especially undocumented immigrants.

Click [here](#) to find out more about the program.

### **Curfew in Place from 8:30 p.m. to 5 a.m. in San Jose**

On Sunday, the City of San Jose enacted a citywide curfew from 8:30 p.m. to 5 a.m. for seven days. The curfew does not apply to those who are unhoused nor to "essential movement," such as those returning from or going to work or those needing medical treatment. The action was prompted by a weekend of disturbances downtown over the death of George Floyd, and the potential for looting.

Other cities with curfew:

#### Santa Clara County:

[Santa Clara \(City\)](#): 8:30 p.m. to 5 a.m. – Effective until further notice.

#### Alameda County:

[Countywide](#): 8:00 p.m. to 5 a.m. – Effective until June 5.

[Alameda \(City\)](#): 8:00 p.m. to 5 a.m. – Effective until June 2.

[Fremont](#): 8:00 p.m. to 5 a.m. – Effective until June 8.

[Hayward](#): 8:00 p.m. to 5 a.m. – Effective until June 8.

[Livermore](#): 8:00 p.m. to 5 a.m. – Effective until further notice.

[Oakland](#): 8:00 p.m. to 5 a.m. – Effective until June 8.

[San Leandro](#): 6:00 p.m. to 5 a.m. – Effective until June 8.

[Fremont](#): 8:00 p.m. to 5 a.m. – Effective until June 8.

[Union City](#): 8:00 p.m. to 5 a.m. – Effective until June 8.

Contra Costa County:

[Walnut Creek](#): 8:00 p.m. to 5 a.m. – Effective until June 8.

[Danville](#): 8:00 p.m. to 5 a.m. – Effective until June 4.

[Pleasant Hill](#): 7:00 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. – Effective until further notice

City and County of San Francisco:

[San Francisco](#): 8:00 p.m. to 5 a.m. – Effective until further notice.

### **Coronavirus Dashboards Update**

As of Monday, there are 2,805 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the County and 142 deaths. There are currently 46 people hospitalized in the County who are confirmed to have COVID-19. So far, 77,693 people in Santa Clara County have been tested, with a 3.6 percent positive rate. The dashboards are updated daily at the [Public Health website](#).

### **New Order Goes into Effect on Friday, June 5**

On Friday, June 5, a new phase of Shelter in Place in the County will allow more businesses to reopen, more activities to resume and religious services to be conducted in small groups. All the details are spelled out on the [County's COVID-19's webpage](#), including FAQs on a variety of areas of the order. I'd like to again thank the organizations that formed task forces to work with my office to help shape the order's guidelines, including Commercial Real Estate Developers and Owners (NAOIP), the Santa Clara County Dental Association, car dealerships across Silicon Valley, restaurants in Santa Clara County, local aquatic programs (Almaden Riptide) and dozens of faith leaders across the County.

### **New Testing Site on Wednesday**

The Valley Medical Center mobile unit will provide free COVID-19 diagnostic testing from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, June 3, at - Educare/Franklin McKinley Children's Initiative Community Center parking lot, [1399 Santee Drive, San Jose 95122](#). No appointment is necessary.

### **Protestors Encouraged to Use Safety Precautions and Get Tested**

The Public Health Department recognizes that peaceful protests are a fundamental right critical to the health of our democracy. As residents exercise this right, the County is reminding us that we are still facing the COVID-19 health crisis and protesters are encouraged to follow important practices, such as using face coverings and, to the extent possible, maintaining social distancing. Those who have been in close contact with others at large gatherings are also encouraged to get tested for COVID-19 within three to five days of exposure, and to watch for any symptoms of COVID-19. There are numerous facilities across the county that offer free testing, which can be found at [sccfreetest.org](#).

### **Heatwave Opens Cooling Centers across the County**

Cooling centers are open in Santa Clara County in the cities of San Jose, Gilroy, Morgan Hill and Saratoga. To prevent the spread of COVID-19, the Public Health Department's social distancing protocols will be observed at all cooling centers. For cooling center locations and information and for heat safety tips (in English, Spanish and Vietnamese), visit <https://bit.ly/heatsafetytipsSCC>.

Three Santa Clara County Library District locations, Gilroy Library, the Morgan Hill Library, and the Saratoga Library, will be available as cooling centers on Wednesday, June 3, from 1 to 6 p.m. Five San Jose cooling centers are open today and Wednesday from 1 to 7 p.m. at:

- Mayfair Community Center - [2039 Kammerer Avenue](#)
- Camden Community Center - [3369 Union Avenue](#)
- Seven Trees Community Center - [3590 Cas Drive](#)
- Roosevelt Community Center - [901 E. Santa Clara Street](#)
- Cypress Community Center - [403 Cypress Avenue](#)

### **County Library District Announces Curbside Service Plans**

The Santa Clara County Library District is working directly with city partners, the Santa Clara County Emergency Operations Center and key County departments to establish the next steps in providing safe and successful services to the community.

Upcoming library plans include offering limited services in stages, starting later in the month with library material return and curbside pickup of materials placed on hold. These services will be available Monday through Saturday at all eight SCCLD library locations. In order to accept returns, SCCLD is establishing a system to quarantine returned materials for 72 hours. SCCLD will continue to provide updates about future staged services and the timing and details of the curbside service as information becomes available. Please stay informed at [scclld.org](http://scclld.org).

All library facilities are undergoing deep cleanings and will remain closed to the public except for those designated as cooling centers. No late fees are being accrued, and due dates have been extended, so no items need to be returned during the closure, nor immediately following any introduction of services.

Please continue to visit the library online at [scclld.org](http://scclld.org) to access digital materials, join the [Summer Reading program](#), and enjoy the many weekly online programs for all ages.

### **VTA Service Changes**

VTA has made the following service changes:

- All Light Rail Lines: Weekday service extended to start at 5 a.m. and end at 9 p.m. Weekend service restored operating from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- Route 59: Weekday service hours extended to 6:30 p.m.
- Route 85: Routing will operate on Wren Avenue between Mantelli Drive and First Street instead of Kern Avenue or Westwood Drive.
- Route 89: Service extended to operate from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. with extended service to Hillview and Arastradero during peak hours.
- Service will resume on Express Routes 101, 102, and 103.
- Effective Saturday June 13, Express Route 181 will be discontinued. Instead, the new Rapid Route 500 will operate between Berryessa BART Station and Diridon Station.

Find more information on the service changes [here](#), or contact VTA Customer Service at 408-321-2300.

VTA will be operating on a modified schedule during the citywide curfew in San Jose that is in effect through Sunday, June 7, between 8:30 p.m. and 5 a.m. Residents are encouraged to only take VTA for essential travel between those times.

### **Virtual Forum on Road Safety for Bicyclists During COVID-19**

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.

### **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. Learn more and sign-up on [my website](#). You can also watch a presentation of contact tracing on the Public Health [Facebook Live Briefing](#).

### **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 neighbor 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, family and friends. 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](mailto:dave.cortese@bos.sccgov.org) or visit the District 3 webpage at [supervisorcortese.org](http://supervisorcortese.org).

Stay safe,



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County Supervisor, Third District



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