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## More Testing & Better Outreach

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Dear Friends,

On Tuesday, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved my call for a plan to strengthen outreach in hard-to-reach populations and in communities where residents are at a higher risk of becoming infected with COVID-19.

And today, I joined other local government leaders at San Jose City Hall to sign a pledge to get mayors, lawmakers, community leaders and residents on the same page when developing policies that can address the systemic inequities in Santa Clara County.

The coronavirus outbreak laid bare the disproportionate number of people of color getting COVID-19, the lack of health care for them, and the limited access to devices and Internet connections, which prevents children from learning, workers from working remotely and families from accessing telemedicine.

While we continue to work to bridge the digital divide, we can ensure that these communities receive timely information about COVID-10 and the County's response to protecting residents.

I'd like us to take a page from a grassroots organizing playbook that recommends using written materials in many languages, posters, advertising in local publications, texting, phone calls and "boots on the ground" to make sure all our families know how to protect themselves and their children so they can stay healthy when they perform such essential tasks as buying groceries or picking up prescriptions.

The Board – and the public – will hear the details of such a plan at the next meeting on June 23, and I'm recommending that the County partner with community groups that already have strong connections with these communities that have disproportionate rates of infection, including Latino, African American and Asian American communities in East San Jose. Our data show Zip codes with the highest rate of cases per 100,000 residents are in East San Jose: 95116, 95122, 95127, and 95148.

I'd like to also thank former State Assemblywoman Nora Campos for helping call attention to the inequities in a recent [OpEd in the Mercury News](#) that highlighted the need for grassroots COVID-19 outreach, especially in neighborhoods east of Highway 101. "Each day that passes is a lost opportunity to save lives and flatten the curve," said Campos. "The time to act is now."

If you have ideas for how we could do a better job, please call my office at 408-299-5030 or email me at [dave.cortese@bos.sccgov.org](mailto:dave.cortese@bos.sccgov.org).

**[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.

### Weekly Town Halls with Dave



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

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

**LIVE ON FACEBOOK:  
@DAVECORTESEGOV**

Join me every Saturday for an Online Town Hall streamed live on my Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/davecortese.gov](http://www.facebook.com/davecortese.gov). The live discussions can be streamed on Saturday, June 6, June 13, June 20 and June 27, 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.

On Saturday, June 6, we will have a very special guest joining us, Deputy County Counsel Tony LoPresti, who has been integral to the drafting of our Shelter in Place Orders.

I would like to give a special thank you to Minh Ho who takes time every Saturday to provide volunteer technical support for these Town Halls. Thank you for your service to the community to help share important updates.

We hope to hear from you!

### 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 Francisco Chronicle:** [Santa Clara County to allow shopping, small religious services, outdoor dining](#)

**SF Gate:** [County To Lift Some Pandemic Restrictions On Business, Recreation](#)

**San Jose Inside:** [New Santa Clara County Health Order to Allow Outdoor Dining, Indoor Retail Starting Friday](#)

### Strong Girls, Strong Women Summer Webinars



The County of Santa Clara Office of Women's Policy and Girls Advisory Team is proud to host the reimagined 8th Annual Strong Girls, Strong Women (SGSW) Leadership Conference for high school students and their adult allies, including mothers, teachers, mentors, and other relatives.

This free webinar series at 5 p.m. on June 10 and June 17 will focus on identity, stress management, healthy relationships, community advocacy, self-care and empowerment during COVID-19. [Register TODAY for the Strong Girls, Strong Women Summer Kick-Off webinars.](#)

**Curfew in San Jose to End on Thursday**

On Tuesday, the San Jose City Council voted to end the citywide curfew at 5 a.m. on Thursday, June 4. The curfew prohibited residents from being out of their homes from 8:30 p.m. to 5 a.m. except for those who are unhoused or are going to or from 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. The curfew will be in effect this evening, beginning at 8:30 p.m.

**Coronavirus Dashboards Update**

As of Tuesday, there are 2,819 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the County and 143 deaths. There are currently 38 people hospitalized in the County who are confirmed to have COVID-19. So far, 78,066 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](#).

**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 and friends find this information useful during this time.

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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