Dear Friends,

Over the past several weeks, I have convened several Task Forces to work with employees and employers in a variety of sectors to pursue the safe resumption of work and reopening of our economy. My Office and I have been working hard to support small-business owners, workers, and all of us. Thanks to our work alongside business owners, the June 5 Order announced on Monday allows several new categories of businesses to reopen, subject to specific safety conditions.

On Friday, June 5, and Monday, June 8, the Board of Supervisors will conduct two very important hearings to continue our efforts to safely reopen the economy in Santa Clara County, and I’m inviting you to join the discussions. Both hearings will begin at 9:30 a.m. and will be conducted via teleconference.

On Friday, panelists from industry sectors, such as manufacturing, construction, life sciences and retail, will provide their views on opening businesses safely and what assistance they may need from federal, state and local governments, as well as the private sector. Another group of panelists will discuss the safe opening of offices, elementary schools, preschools, childcare facilities, summer camps, grocery stores and restaurants.

On Monday, the Board will hear from faith-based institutions, the transit and transportation sector, recreational and fitness facilities, the arts and entertainment industry, hair and personal care, pet care/grooming, professional, collegiate and high school athletics, middle and high schools, the hospitality industry, and licensed medical professionals including but not limited to dentists, optometrists, chiropractors and veterinarians.

There will also be time for public comment.

Friday, June 5, is also the date when revisions to the Shelter in Place Order go into effect, allowing more businesses to reopen and activities to resume. I’m sure you have a lot of questions about what this means and how it affects you. The Emergency Operations Center has prepared specific guidelines for summer camps, outdoor dining and other requirements for all food facilities.

This page also displays a graphic that provides information in an easy-to-read format called, "What's Open?"

Deputy County Executive David Campos interviewed County Counsel James Williams about the amended order. To view the Facebook Live Briefing, visit this link.

For questions, you can also call my office at 408-299-5030 or email me at dave.cortese@bos.sccgov.org.
Weekly Town Halls with Dave

Join me every Saturday for an Online Town Hall streamed live on my Facebook page: www.facebook.com/davecortesegov.

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 these important updates.

We hope to hear from you!

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’s Office and the California Highway Patrol.

The forum will take place online on Monday, June 8th, at 6pm. Each representative will share what they are seeing at this time, the measures being taken to improve road safety, and how we all can work together to make sure bicyclists are safe.

Update on Contact Tracing

This week, the County’s Case Investigation and Contact Tracing team reported that 93 individuals are receiving contact tracing training, and by Monday, there will be 179 in training.

The County has received applications from approximately 3,000 volunteers thus far, 962 of whom have completed initial screenings and are pending onboarding. Volunteers who are able to commit to a minimum of 32 hours a week for 6 months are prioritized for training. For more information or to apply to be a contract tracer, click here.

You can also watch a presentation of contract tracing on the Public Health Facebook Live Briefing.

Coronavirus Dashboards Update

As of Wednesday, there are 2,832 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the County and 144 deaths. There are currently 46 people hospitalized in the County who are confirmed to
have COVID-19. So far, 82,843 people in Santa Clara County have been tested, with a 3.4 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.

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 or visit the District 3 webpage at www.supervisorcortese.org.

Stay safe,

Dave Cortese
County Supervisor, Third District