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## Planning for School Reopenings

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Dear Friends,

The County Public Health Department, the County Office of Education and school districts across the County are working together to develop guidelines for keeping students, teachers and parents safe from COVID-19 when schools reopen, hopefully in the fall.

The Stronger Together Recovery and Reopening for Santa Clara County Schools project includes resources to help school leaders and boards of trustees make informed decisions about reopening buildings safely while keeping in mind the needs of students, parents and the broader community.

The Stronger Together [webpage](#) includes a guide, FAQs, an action planning template, and other elements that will continue to be updated as new information is available. Through June 12, parents can answer a [survey](#) about how parents have received and accessed information during school closures, perspectives about the reopening of school buildings, their experiences with distance learning, and more.

The guidelines, which are to be completed by July 6, will most likely encompass a mixture of in-person learning and distance learning, which most schools have been providing through the Internet. Please check out the webpage and consider taking the survey. We are all eager to see education resume, but also realize the pandemic is still going to be around for some time.

### **Coronavirus Dashboards Update**

As of Sunday, there are 2,942 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the County and 144 deaths. There are currently 75 people hospitalized in the County who are confirmed to have COVID-19. So far, 86,315 people in Santa Clara County have been tested, with a 3.3 percent positive rate. The dashboards are updated daily at the [Public Health website](#).

### **TONIGHT - 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 tonight.

### **Town Hall on Saturdays 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](https://www.facebook.com/davecortese.gov).

The live discussions can be streamed on Saturday, 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.

We hope to hear from you!

### Connectivity, Digital Inclusion and Access Forum

Thank you to those of you who joined me, the City of San Jose, and the Santa Clara County Office of Education on June 3 for the Connectivity, Digital Inclusion and Access Forum. I was able to discuss my partnership with the Santa Clara County Office of Education to help provide equipment and data coverage for 15,000 underserved families who need access to services online. If you were unable to join us, you are welcome to access the Zoom webinar recording [here](#).

### Hearings on Reopening the Economy

If you missed the Board's two special hearings on June 5 and today, June 8, on reopening the economy in Santa Clara County, you can still watch them via the County's webpage. The Board heard from a wide variety of panelists representing businesses, schools, medical professionals, artists and entertainers, nonprofits and childcare providers.

Click here to visit the County meetings portal to view the hearings. To share your comment or concerns, you can call my office at 408-299-5030 or email me at [dave.cortese@bos.sccgov.org](mailto:dave.cortese@bos.sccgov.org).

### Resources to Prevent Gender-Based Violence

The County Office of Gender-Based Violence Prevention is sharing information on important emergency resources for victims of gender-based violence during the COVID-19 crisis. For people who are experiencing violence in the home, a Shelter in Place Order is especially difficult because they cannot escape their abuser. Isolation increases and tensions run high. For survivors, the focus quickly shifts to safety and survival.

The office's [webpage](#) links to many resources provided by County Domestic Violence Agencies, including hotlines.

### Learn New Skills, Brush Up Existing Skills

Work2future offers an easy-to-access on-line learning service to help residents brush up on skills or pick up new ones as they contemplate returning to work, while the economy reopens in phases. Work2future offers the [SkillUp America](#) program from Metrix Learning at no cost to learners.

Learn more and register for the program at [bit.ly/skillupsanjose](https://bit.ly/skillupsanjose). Enrollment in Work2future is not needed to access the 5,000 courses available for free. However, enrolling in Work2future also opens doors to other career-oriented resources. A full range of information can be found at [www.work2future.org](https://www.work2future.org).

### **Second Online Job Fair**

[Work2future](#) is also hosting a second online Job Fair from 9 to 10 a.m. on June 11. The fair informs job seekers of available jobs directly from manufacturers, non-profits, law enforcement and health care companies. [Register for the event](#) via Zoom.

Confirmed employers are: Amazon, CVS Health, Familiar Surroundings, Global Connections to Employment, Kidango, Milpitas Police Department, Rejoice Delivers LLC, Manufacture: San José, Small Business Administration/San Francisco District Office, US Small Business Administration, Sutter Health and the US Census Bureau.

### **New Changes to the Paycheck Protection Program**

The Paycheck Protection Program Flexibility Act of 2020 has been amended and extended through December 30, 2020. The changes provide business owners additional flexibility. The SBA will be publishing updated information soon. Additionally, the recently issued Loan Forgiveness Application Form and the Interim Final Rules will be amended.

For more information, visit the [Small Business Administration](#). Resources for small businesses can also be found at the Silicon Valley Small Business Administration [website](#). You can also sign-up to become a member of the County-supported [Small Business Development Center](#) that provides businesses with access to a wide variety of services.

### **Helping Businesses Serve Customers Outside**

To help businesses serve customers while adhering to social distancing protocols, the City of San Jose is temporarily relaxing regulations to allow the use of outdoor areas next to businesses.

Under the relaxed rules, many businesses without existing permits for outdoor operations or seating can register free of charge to expand their operations outside in privately owned areas, such as a parking lot, and use public sidewalks for temporary seating. The rules will last through December 31, unless the local emergency ends earlier.

More information and application forms are available at [www.sanjoseca.gov/sjalfresco](https://www.sanjoseca.gov/sjalfresco). There will be two registration forms – one for use of private property and one for use of a public sidewalk. Businesses already operating outdoor seating/dining need not apply – their existing permitting still applies. Restaurants must follow the County's outdoor dining [guidance](#).

### **San Jose Parks Maintenance Resumes**

The Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services Department resumed seasonal weed abatement in early May after reducing services following the County's initial Shelter-in-Place Order. Essential services like park maintenance makes parks safer for residents to use for mental and physical health, while creating a fire safe community by reducing fuel for fire.

PRNS' maintenance teams are prioritizing parks with structures that may be impacted by overgrown and invasive weeds with an expected completion date of June 30. Contact [park.concerns@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:park.concerns@sanjoseca.gov) or 408-793-5510 to report concerns in parks.

### **Limited Parking Compliance Activities to Resume**

Beginning today, Parking and Traffic Control Officers will begin patrolling throughout San Jose, the first step in resuming parking compliance activities that were halted in March due to the COVID-19 crisis. PTCOs will identify non-operational vehicles and leave a

warning for owners, notifying them that it is illegal to park non-operational vehicles on city streets. Towing of non-operational vehicles will begin on Monday, June 15.

The next phase, expected to begin later in June, will include identifying and issuing warnings for safety-related parking violations such as blocking curb ramps, bike lanes, sidewalks and red curbs. Parking compliance activities are being phased in to address potential health and safety concerns while remaining sensitive to community's economic concerns and public health order protocols.

### **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](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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