Two New Testing Sites Opening Today

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Dear Friends,

Today, the County is launching two new pop-up COVID-19 testing sites in San Jose and Gilroy, with a goal of providing 500 additional tests a day at each site.

The free walk-up testing sites are open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. today, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at the County of Santa Clara Environmental Health Building, 1555 Berger Drive, San Jose, and at Valley Health Center, 7475 Camino Arroyo, Gilroy. No appointment is necessary, and you don’t need a doctor’s note, insurance or symptoms of COVID-19.

The County is encouraging all residents to be tested, especially essential workers, including grocery store clerks, food delivery workers, retail associates, first responders, and other workers who have contact with people at their jobs. Testing can identify the infection before a person feels unwell or before they spread it to another person with potentially deadly consequences. People can get a test through their regular doctor, or from one of these new or expanded sites around the County.

All new and expanded test sites and additional sites operated by other organizations are mapped on the County’s website at sccfreetest.org. The site is available in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, Chinese and Tagalog. Information is also available by calling 2-1-1.

Coronavirus Dashboards Update

As of Monday, there are 2,973 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the County and 145 deaths. There are currently 73 people hospitalized in the County who are confirmed to have COVID-19. So far, 90,204 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

Special Hearing – Coming out of COVID-19
Please join me as I chair a special hearing of the Finance and Government Operations Committee at 9:30 a.m. on June 16. County departments will be joining me to discuss service delivery strategies as we move to safely reopen county services.

Use this link to join the Zoom webinar to provide public comment during the meeting. You can also provide public comment over the phone by calling 1-408-638-0968 and providing the following Meeting ID: 924 0727 3968.

Here is the YouTube link for those who want to livestream the special hearing but do not wish to speak.

Town Hall on Saturdays 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 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!

Santa Clara County Library District’s Summer Reading Program Goes Virtual

The Santa Clara County Library District’s Summer Reading Program, Dig Deeper: Read, Investigate, Discover!, is underway and registration is now open. The program
encourages readers of all ages to dig below the surface, investigate the unknown and discover new things. The free program runs from now until July 31.

Dozens of online events, ranging from family fun activities to enriching adult classes, are planned over the next two months. All events and programs will be held virtually to keep everyone safe and healthy.

Children’s librarians are hosting special events every weekday at 3 p.m. on Facebook Live. This includes book clubs on Mondays, special live performances and shows on Wednesdays, and STEAM events on Thursdays. During July, there will be virtual concerts for little ones, featuring performers such as Latin Grammy winners 123 Andrés.

Teen events include an Open Mic Night on Wednesday, June 17, College Application Help on Thursday, June 18, Virtual Teen Trivia, and craft activities in June and July. For adults, librarians are hosting Virtual Film Clubs, live Master Gardener presentations on plant-based eating, and more. Patrons can earn a prize for reading five books and completing fun discovery and investigative activities. Get started by signing up on Beanstack.

SCCLD is temporarily expanding eCard registration to all Santa Clara County residents. That means free access to enjoy eBooks, Audiobooks, eMagazines and digital newspapers, streaming movies and music, and dozens of online resources for students, job seekers, and people of all ages. There are also video tutorials to help patrons navigate these resources.

Multilingual Videos Explaining the Latest Public Health Order

Beginning June 5, a number of new businesses and activities resumed, including outdoor dining, in-store shopping, some religious and cultural activities, outdoor swimming, childcare, summer camps, and summer school. The Public Health Department has released multilingual videos to help explain these changes in American Sign Language, Chinese, Spanish, and Vietnamese.

Hearings on Reopening the Economy

If you missed the Board’s two special hearings on June 5 and 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.

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 supervisorcortese.org.
Stay safe,

Dave Cortese
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