Dear Friends,

Today, the DMV opened the remaining field offices that were temporarily closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Employees at 169 field offices will assist customers with current appointments and limited transactions that require an in-person visit.

Behind-the-wheel drive tests are not yet available, and the DMV continues to recommend that customers use its online services. Once the DMV has accommodated customers with appointments, the DMV will begin offering a limited number of new appointments.

Customers are required to wear face coverings and remain six feet apart in line. Customers are offered text messages that will allow them to wait outside the building until notified. Entry into the building is metered, and customers may experience extended wait times.

The DMV has expanded its “DMV Express” option to all field offices, allowing customers to fill out the online application for REAL ID, upload documents at home and receive an expedited experience at a local DMV office. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the federal government extended the REAL ID enforcement date to October 1, 2021.

Click here for more details.

**Coronavirus Dashboards Update**

As of Wednesday, there were 3,032 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the County and 146 deaths. There are currently 61 people hospitalized in the County who are confirmed to have COVID-19. So far, 93,623 people in Santa Clara County have been tested, with a 3.2 percent positive rate. The dashboards are updated daily at the Public Health website.

**Free COVID-19 Masks Available**

Thanks to a donation from the San Francisco Taiwanese Chamber of Commerce, my office has 2,000 disposable face masks to give out to community groups in Santa Clara County.

Please contact my Chief of Staff Tara Sreekrishnan at Tara.Sreekrishnan@bos.sccgov.org.

**More Free Testings Sites Open by Health Officer Order**

If you are among the thousands of people in Santa Clara County who recently joined protests on behalf of the death of George Floyd, the County Public Health Department is asking that you be tested for COVID-19. While many protesters wore masks, social
distancing was not possible in large crowds, which increased the risk of exposure to the virus.

On Wednesday, County Public Health Officer Dr. Sara Cody issued a new Health Officer Order that directs all major healthcare facilities in the County to test those who work in high-risk settings, frequently or routinely travel by mass transit, or attended a mass gathering of 100 or more people in the 14 days before going to a testing site. Of course, testing is also urged for those who have symptoms or have been exposed to someone who has tested positive.

The order for testing applies to all large health care systems that have acute care hospitals, clinics or urgent care facilities, including Regional, Good Samaritan, Kaiser Permanente, and Palo Alto Medical Foundation. Answers to frequently asked questions about the Order can be found here and the County’s press release about the Order here.

Free walk-up testing sites are open today and Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 1555 Berger Drive in San Jose and 7475 Camino Arroyo in Gilroy. A new pop-up site will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. today in the Morgan Hill Council Chambers, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, June 12 at the Los Altos Hills Council Chambers.

Countywide, there are 46 sites where residents can receive free COVID-19 tests. Over the past seven days, an average of 2,354 tests a day have been administered, which equals 120 tests per 100,000 residents per day, which falls short of our goal of 200 tests per 100,000 residents. For information on all testing sites in the County, visit www.sccfreetest.org.

**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, 2020. 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: https://sccgov.org.zoom.us/j/92407273968. You can also provide public comment over the phone by calling 408-638-0968 and providing the following Meeting ID: 924 0727 3968.

**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!

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. Yesterday I was able to join our County Office of LGBTQ Affairs for the virtual event, “Pride 2020: Resilience Through a Historic Year.” In case you missed it, watch the full event here.

SF GATE - Local Lawmakers Call For Alternatives To Proposed State Budget Cuts

Upcoming Virtual Community Events and Forums

The Human Rights Commission is hosting a public forum on racial justice and police use of force in the County. The meeting will be held via virtual teleconference beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 16. A link to the agenda with call-in instructions will be available here: http://tiny.cc/hrcjune16/.

You can also Zoom into and invite your friends to San Jose’s College of Adaptive Arts Graduate Theater’s free production of a Midsummer Night’s Dream at from 3 to 4 p.m. on Friday, June 12. Audience members can log in at 2:30 p.m. For any questions, please contact CAA’s Show, School of Theatre & Special Events Director, Katie Zeisl at katie@collegeofadaptivearts.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
County Supervisor, Third District

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