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## Special Townhall Guest this Saturday!

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Dear Friends,

A recent uptick in Coronavirus cases in Santa Clara County sends the message that as we reopen businesses and resume activities, we must remember to follow the [Shelter in Place](#) guidelines that will protect us and the people around us from becoming infected with COVID-19.

So, don't forget to wear a face covering when you're in public places, maintain a physical distance—a minimum of six feet—from people who are not in your household, wash your hands often and be tested for COVID-19 at one of the many free testing sites listed on the Public Health Department's [testing webpage](#). This week's pop-up sites are listed below in this newsletter.

Businesses are required to follow guidelines and post the protocols that they are following and that customers must follow.

At the Tuesday Board of Supervisors meeting, we heard presentations from the County Public Health Officer Dr. Sara Cody, County Executive Jeff Smith, Dr. Marty Fenstersheib and others that brought us up to date on the status of COVID-19 in the County. For a Power Point presentation, click [here](#) and then click on "Presentation relating to COVID-19 update".

I want you to know that I am working hard with our Public Health Department to determine what we need to do to open up more businesses and activities. At the same time that we are doing everything we need to do to stop the virus, people need to return to work and businesses need to stay afloat. So, reopening safely is the goal.

To view the board meeting, which was 13 hours and 40 minutes long, click [here](#). You can scroll through the agenda to listen to a particular item.

### **Coronavirus Dashboards Update**

As of Tuesday, there were 3,727 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the County and 154 deaths. There are currently 61 people hospitalized in the County who are confirmed to have COVID-19. So far, 131,235 people in Santa Clara County have been tested, with a 2.8 percent positive rate. The [dashboards](#) are updated daily.

### **Housing Coalition to Explore Racism and Homeownership**

Join the South Bay Housing Action Coalition meeting to explore "How do we dismantle the racist legacy of homeownership policies" on Friday, June 26. Special guest will be John Gamboa, vice chair of the Two Hundred, a statewide coalition of community leaders, opinion makers and minority advocates working to mitigate the growing racial wealth gap through homeownership and home building in California.

RSVP [here](#) for the discussion via Zoom at noon on Friday, June 26.

### **Free Mobile Testing Sites Open**

**Get Tested,  
San José!**

Get a **FREE COVID-19 Test**

**TUESDAY, JUNE 23 - FRIDAY, JUNE 26**  
1:00 PM - 7:00 PM

**SATURDAY, JUNE 27**  
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

SAP Center  
525 W Santa Clara St, San Jose, CA 95113

For more information, call **2-1-1**  
or visit **SCCfreetest.org**

Free COVID-19 diagnostic tests are available at these locations. No appointments are necessary. Click [here](#) for all the testing sites in Santa Clara County.

- SAP Center, [525 West Santa Clara Street, San Jose](#), 1 to 7 p.m. through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday.
- Andrew Hill High School, [3200 Senter Road, San Jose](#), 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Friday.
- Santa Clara Northside Branch Library, [695 Moreland Way, Santa Clara](#), 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Friday.
- IBEW 332, [2125 Canoas Garden Avenue, Suite 120, San Jose](#), 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursday.

### **VTA Surveys Riders as Shelter in Place Restrictions Ease**

EMC Research conducted a [survey](#) of Santa Clara County adult residents asking a multitude of questions about what it will take to instill confidence in riding VTA light rail, bus and paratransit. The first phase focused on three areas of information: Ridership, Health and Safety Concerns, and Employment Demographics.

With a renewed trend in employees working from home, the potential of a large segment of VTA ridership not returning is high. In fact, of those who rode VTA before the pandemic, 51% said they will be returning to offices fewer days than before the pandemic. Among those who would ride public transit, 41% said requiring masks and social distancing on board would make them feel safer when riding public transit. Approximately 28% of those asked said they will not return to public transit until there is a COVID vaccine.

### **Join Dave's Webinar on Wildfire Protection**

Learn about how to protect your home and your family from wildfire at a webinar I am hosting with State Assemblymember Evan Low and the Santa Clara County Fire Department.



The webinar will be from 5 to 6 p.m. on Thursday, July 2, and you can register at this link: [tinyurl.com/sccwildfire](https://tinyurl.com/sccwildfire).

For questions about this webinar, please call my office at 408-299-5033 or email [dave.cortese@bos.sccgov.org](mailto:dave.cortese@bos.sccgov.org).

### Curbside Pickup for Tax Documents

On Saturday, June 27, the nonprofit organization Tax-Aid that offers free income tax services to people with low income, will be at Columbia Neighborhood Center in Sunnyvale to collect clients' tax documents from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. This is an outdoor event, and all attendees must wear masks and maintain social distancing. The tax filing deadline, July 15, was extended because of COVID-19. Click [here](#) for more information. You can also visit [tax-aid.org](https://tax-aid.org) or call 415-229-9240.

### Town Hall with Dave and County Counsel



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

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

**LIVE ON FACEBOOK:  
@DAVECORTESEGOV**

Join me on Saturday, June 27, for an Online Town Hall streamed live on my Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/davecortese](https://www.facebook.com/davecortese).

Our special guest will be James Williams, County Counsel, who has been working in our Emergency Operations Center since the first COVID-19 Shelter in Place Order was issued. The live discussion will be streamed from 3 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 27. 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!

### 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,



Dave Cortese  
County Supervisor, Third District



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