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Update on New Health Order

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Dear Friends,

The new health order that County Health Officer Dr. Sara Cody announced on July 2, which will allow new businesses such as hair salons and gyms to reopen, requires approval from the State before becoming effective. The County hopes for that to happen soon.

Over the weekend, the State denied the County's approval of a variance, which is what counties need to have to allow new activities to resume under the state's stay-at-home order. But the County will keep working with the state and reapply for the variance, so stay tuned.

The new order, which we hope will still go into effect on July 13, was focused on a risk reduction strategy with precautionary measures required for businesses, including density restrictions, face covering and physical distancing requirements, and indoor and outdoor gathering limits.

The County is among 19 that are on a State monitoring list, which means the state public health department is looking at our data to help the County plan the next steps.

The details about the order issued on July 2 are on my website, supervisorcortese.org.

County Coronavirus Dashboards Update

As of Sunday, there were 5,273 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the County and 161 deaths. There are currently 85 people hospitalized in the County who are confirmed to have COVID-19. So far, 219,619 people in Santa Clara County have been tested, with a 2.6% positive rate. The [dashboards](#) are updated daily.

Statewide, there were 260,155 cases, and 6,331 deaths; 4.6 million have been tested, with an average 6.3% positive rate over the past 14 days. For more statewide data, click [here](#).

In the U.S., there are 3 million cases, with 132,684 deaths.

Globally, 11.3 million cases and 531,806 deaths.

Pop-up Testing Locations Opening This Week

The pop-up testing program operated by Santa Clara Valley Medical Center continues to provide free diagnostic COVID-19 testing around the County. Nasal swab testing is free for everyone—no health insurance or doctor's note is required. No appointment is needed; anyone can simply stop by to get tested. A list of pop-up locations can be found online [here](#). As always, residents can find a testing location across the County [here](#) or by calling

2-1-1.

- **Independence High School, C Commons:** [617 North Jackson Avenue, San Jose](#) -- Tuesday, July 7, through Friday, July 10 from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday, July 11, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- **Campbell Community Center Orchard City Banquet Hall:** [1 W Campbell Avenue, Campbell](#) -- Tuesday, July 7, through Friday, July 10, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **South County Annex (formerly Del Buono Elementary):** [9300 Wren Avenue, Gilroy](#) - Tuesday, July 7, through Friday, July 10, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Proper Disposal Tips for Keeping Essential Workers Safe

The City of San Jose's Environmental Services Department has provided tips to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 to recycling drivers and sorters during this time. These include, throwing away used masks and gloves in the garbage and holding cardboard or other recyclable materials to the following week if they do not fit in the recycling cart. More information can be found [here](#).

PBS Kids Provides Tips for Talking to Toddlers

Sometimes toddlers ask questions that are hard to answer — especially like the situation communities are facing with COVID-19. PBS Kids has provided some guidance for ways to answer simple questions in language that children understand. Read more [here](#).

Crisis Hotline Available for Dealing with Pandemic Anxiety

The Behavioral Health Services Department is working to get the message out that “it is okay to feel overwhelmed, emotional, worried, or simply frustrated.” Residents can call the Crisis Hotline 1-855-278-4204 or text RENEW to 741741 to talk with someone.

Give a Child a Back to School Kit

While schooling may look different this year, kids still need school supplies and nutritious food to help them learn. Unfortunately, many low-income families cannot afford this expense. You can help. Join the Sunnyvale Community Services in its mission to give back-to-school kits to 2,000 low-income children in Sunnyvale.

Backpack Days drive will be July 27 through August 3, using a safe, contact-free drive-through format. Click [here](#) for more information.

Town Halls on Saturdays in July



The Saturday Town Halls on COVID-19 will resume on Saturday, July 11.

If you missed the June 27 Town Hall with our special guest, James Williams, County Counsel, you can watch it on my Facebook page, [davecortese gov](#).

Thank you to all of you who called in, texted or posted questions during the hourlong Town Hall. If your questions weren't answered, please call my office at 408-299-5030.

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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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