Dear Friends,

Today, the State approved Santa Clara County's new health order effective on July 13, clearing up confusion about outdoor dining. Restaurants can continue to serve customers on their patios.

Next week, new activities will be allowed, including hair and nail services, gyms and small gatherings under the new health order issued on July 2, which puts in place across-the-board risk reduction measures. Those include density restrictions, face covering and physical distancing requirements, and indoor and outdoor gathering limits. The details about the order issued on July 2 are on my website, supervisorcortese.org.

The County also wants to remind all businesses including those currently opened, that they must submit updated Social Distancing protocols by Monday, July 13, at www.covid19prepared.org.

The County Health Department is working on guidelines for each specific business, and the order continues to stress that we continue to follow Shelter in Place guidelines given the recent spike in the COVID-19 cases we have seen throughout the state.

**County Coronavirus Dashboards Update**

As of Monday, there were 5,273 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the County, an increase of 141, and 164 deaths, an increase of 3. There are currently 86 people hospitalized in the County who are confirmed to have COVID-19. So far, 229,638 people in Santa Clara County have been tested, with a 2.6% positive rate. The dashboards are updated daily.

Statewide, as of Tuesday, there were 277,774 cases, and 6,448 deaths; 4.9 million have been tested, with an average 6.8% positive rate over the past 14 days. For more statewide data, click here.

In the U.S., there are 3 million cases, with 132,573 deaths.

Globally, 11.6 million cases and 538,796 deaths.

**Town Hall on Saturdays in July**

The Saturday Town Halls on COVID-19 will resume on Saturday, July 11, with a special guest. Joining me will be Deputy County Executive David Campos.

The live discussion will be streamed from 3 to 4 p.m. on facebook.com/davecortesegov. 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.

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**Pop-up Testing Locations Opening Today**

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](http://www.sccfreetest.org). As always, residents can find a testing location across the County at [http://www.sccfreetest.org](http://www.sccfreetest.org) 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.

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**Join Me at the Silicon Valley Bike Summit**

I am honored to be chosen to be a keynote speaker at the 10th annual Silicon Valley Bike Summit, which will be presented online on Thursday, August 6, and Friday, August 7. I will speak on Friday, and Thursday’s keynote speaker will be Toks Omishakin, Caltrans Director.
The first ever digital bike summit also features sessions on a wide variety of topics, a virtual bike ride, poster presentations and networking opportunities. Click here for all the details and to register.

**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 and August 3, using a safe, contact-free drive-through format. Click here for more information.

**VTA Releases 10-Point Plan to Strengthen Trust in Transit**

In an effort to strengthen the public's trust and level of comfort in riding VTA buses and trains, a recovery task force has crafted a 10-point plan to put protections in place to keep passengers safe and healthy. Over the past several weeks and months, additional protections have been put in place for bus and train operators and passengers as ridership appears to be increasing. Service has also started to increase incrementally and, with the new protections in place, VTA plans to resume fare collection on Aug. 1.

VTA's plan:

- Clean and Sanitize Vehicles and Facilities
- Require Face Coverings
- Safely Distance
- Maintain a Healthy Workforce
- Adjust Service Frequency/Hours Based on Demand
- Protect Operators and Passengers
- Increase Contactless Payment/Fare Collection
- Increase Customer Information
- Adopt New Technology and Industry Methodology
- Enhance Community Partnerships

Read the full plan here.

**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