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Special July Meeting

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Dear Friends,

The Board of Supervisors usually takes a recess in July, but not this year! Not during the middle of a pandemic. Next week, we are having a special meeting,

The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, July 21, by teleconference. Click [here](#) for instructions on how to watch the meeting and participate in public comment. You can read the agenda at this [link](#).

As you might suspect, the Board will spend much of its time receiving updates on COVID-19 and assessing how the County is responding to slow the spread of this virus that has been in our community for four months.

Included in the COVID-19 discussion will be an initiative (No. 9 on the agenda) I brought to the Board to strengthen communications and outreach in vulnerable communities, including areas of East San Jose where residents are becoming infected at higher rate than in other areas.

The Board will also vote on investing \$7 million in a partnership with the Santa Clara County Office of Education and the City of San Jose to help bridge the digital divide in these neighborhoods that have limited or no access to the Internet and where families cannot afford laptops or tablets. That item (No. 19) is also my proposal and an urgent response to 15,000 students across Santa Clara County who were left out of the shift to distance learning when COVID-19 forced school campuses to close. Families are also left out of searching for jobs online, making appointments and contacting their doctors and accessing resources.

Also, the Board will meet in August for hearings and voting on the [2020-2021 Recommended Budget](#).

County Coronavirus Dashboards Update

As of today, Thursday, there were 7,046 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the County, an increase of 101, and 176 deaths. There are currently 145 people hospitalized in the County who are confirmed to have COVID-19. So far, 277,860 people in Santa Clara County have been tested, with an average 4% positive rate over seven days. The [dashboards](#) are updated daily. A new [cost tracking dashboard](#) has been added to show where money has been spent in fighting the pandemic.

Statewide, there were 347,634 cases, and 7,227 deaths; 5.7 million have been tested, with an average 7.2% positive rate over the past 14 days. For more statewide data, click [here](#).

In the U.S., there are 3.4 million cases, with 138,807 deaths.

Globally, there are 13.3 million cases and 580,007 deaths.

Pop-up Testing Locations Open 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. Residents can find a testing location across the County at sccfreetest.org or by calling 2-1-1.

Here are new sites open this week:

- **South County Annex (formerly Del Buono Elementary):** 9300 Wren Avenue, Gilroy, 1 to 6 p.m. through July 17, and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on July 18.
- **Independence High School - C Commons:** 617 N. Jackson Avenue, San Jose, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. through July 17.
- **County of Santa Clara Service Center, Auditorium:** 1555 Berger Dr., San Jose, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. through July 17.

Activities for Older Adults

Join [California Walks](#) and the San Jose Department of Transportation for a discussion on older adult safe walking practices. In this webinar, you can learn some safe walking tips and share your safety concerns with the City of San Jose. Click [here](#) for a schedule of these webinars hosted by [Walk San Jose](#).

The Zen Caregiving Project is offering a free live online session from 10:30 a.m. to noon on Wednesday, July 22. Participants will experience the hand-heart connection through guided meditation and effective self-comforting touch techniques with the intention of returning compassion and tenderness to oneself. Click [here](#) to get started

Apply Now for Clipper START

Clipper START is an 18-month pilot program initiated by Bay Area transit agencies and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission that uses the Clipper transit fare payment system to reduce the cost of transportation for adults whose household incomes are no more than twice the federal poverty level (for example, \$52,400 for a family of four). To learn more about Clipper START and apply online, visit www.clipperstartcard.com.

Join My Saturday Town Hall on Facebook



The graphic features the Santa Clara County seal at the top. Below it, the text reads: "COVID-19 TOWN HALL WITH SUPERVISOR DAVE CORTESE". A red banner below that says "EVERY SATURDAY IN JULY FROM 3-4PM PST". At the bottom, it says "LIVE ON FACEBOOK: @DAVECORTESEGOV".

Please join my Facebook Town Hall on Saturday, July 18, from 3 to 4 p.m., where you can ask questions about COVID-19.

You do not need to have a Facebook account to stream this Town Hall, simply click on this link facebook.com/davecortese gov to watch the Town Hall or ask questions. You can also call-in to ask questions at 408-287-3587 or text at 408-480-7833.

We hope to hear from you on Saturday! If your question doesn't get answered during the Town Hall, please call my office at 408-299-5030 and a staff member can help 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 or visit the District 3 webpage at supervisorcortese.org.

Stay safe,



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County Supervisor, Third District



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