Dear Friends,

On Tuesday, the Board of Supervisors approved my proposal that will strengthen testing for and communications about COVID-19 in underserved neighborhoods.

The County will contract with multiple community organizations that will be able to use their networks in hard-to-reach communities. The Board approved adequate funding to accomplish this work.

The Emergency Operations Center is partnering with CBOs from a broad range of disciplines including, but not limited to, the arts, culture, theatre and performance, health and nutrition, economic empowerment, youth, faith-based and service organizations.

My proposal was approved along with other outreach plans that include establishing a Community Health and Business Engagements Team, a unified County Branding Campaign and a Multicultural Arts Campaign.

The County will invest an additional $1.5 million over six months to add at least 67 Community Health Workers to provide outreach to businesses and individuals in communities that have been disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 crisis.

I’m also happy to report that the County has contributed $7.1 million to the Bridge the Digital Divide Project, a partnership with the Santa Clara County Office of Education, which I also brought to the board. FEMA reimbursement will be sought for this investment. Click here for more information on this proposal.

County Coronavirus Dashboards Update

As of Tuesday, there were 8,046 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the County, and 178 deaths. There are currently 167 people hospitalized in the County who are confirmed to have COVID-19. So far, 314,878 people in Santa Clara County have been tested, with an average 3.9% positive rate over seven days. The dashboards are updated daily.

Statewide, there were 400,769 cases, and 7,755 deaths; 6.5 million have been tested, with an average 7.5% positive rate over the past 14 days. For more statewide data, click here.

In the U.S., there are 3.9 million cases, with 144,173 deaths.

Globally, there are 14.9 million cases and 616,550 deaths.

County Releases Data Tables

The County has released the complete data tables underlying its published dashboards tracking COVID-19 testing, cases, deaths and hospital use. Accessible online via the...
County’s Open Data Portal, these data tables contain full information from those dashboards, from the first cases in our area through the present.

The downloadable format enables further analysis by researchers, journalists, community organizations, or interested members of public. As is the case with the dashboards themselves, data in the downloadable tables doesn’t contain identities or personal information of cases or people getting tested.

The data tables will be regularly updated to add the most recent information from the dashboards. The County closely tracks spread of disease and healthcare system response in our area, and will continue to make more data available as response activities evolve.

To download data, click here.

**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. For most sites, 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 July 21 through July 25:

- **South County Annex (formerly Del Buono Elementary):** 9300 Wren Avenue, Gilroy, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., July 21 through July 24.
- **San Jose High School:** 275 North 24th Street, San Jose: 1 to 6 p.m. July 21 through July 24, and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on July 25.
- **County of Santa Clara Service Center, Auditorium:** 1555 Berger Dr., San Jose, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 21 through July 23.
- **Cupertino Senior Center:** 21251 Stevens Creek Boulevard, Cupertino: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. by appointment. Click here to schedule.

**Join My Saturday Town Hall on Facebook**

Please join my Facebook Town Hall on Saturday, July 25, from 3 to 4 p.m., where you can ask questions about COVID-19.

Our special guest will be Dr. Sarah Rudman, who is in charge of Case Investigations and Contact Tracing at the Emergency Operations Center.

You do not need to have a Facebook account to stream this Town Hall, simply click on this link facebook.com/davecortesegov 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.

**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.

**The Mercury News** - [South Bay wineries raise a glass to end of food requirement](https://www.mercurynews.com/2020/06/27/south-bay-wine-producers-celebrate-ending-food-restriction/)

**StreetsBlogCal** - [Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition's 2020 Bike Summit to Be Held Online](https://www.streetstblogcal.org/2020/06/24/silicon-valley-bicycle-coalition-announces-bike-summit/)

**$600 Million in Homekey Funds Available**

Governor Gavin Newsom announced an expansion of Project Roomkey by making available [**$600 million in funding for Homekey**](https://www.governor.ca.gov/content/press/releases/2020/0624/2020-6-24_homekey.html). The grant funding will be made available to counties, cities and other government entities to purchase and rehabilitate housing including hotels, motels, vacant apartment buildings and other types of innovative housing, and convert them into permanent, long-term housing for people experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness.

Of the $600 million in funding for Homekey, $550 million will be provided to cities and counties by California’s direct allocation of the federal Coronavirus Aid Relief Funds, with an additional $50 million provided by California’s General Fund to supplement the acquisition and provide initial operating funds.

**D3 Website Hosts COVID-19 Resources and Updates**

My [website](https://www.supervisorcortese.org) 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](https://www.supervisorcortese.org/COVID19Resources/COVID19Flyer.pdf) 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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