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COVID-19 by the Numbers

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Dear Friends,

The number of COVID-19 cases continues to rise in Santa Clara County. After flattening the curve in May, cases began to increase rapidly in June and July.

The County is now at an average of about 200 cases a day, an unprecedented rate. The total number of cases on Monday, July 27, was 9,215, and 184 deaths. On July 15, there were 6,542 cases and 167 deaths. That's an increase of 2,673 cases over 12 days, and an increase of 17 deaths.

The number of people who need to be cared for in hospitals also has risen to 174, an increase of 45 over the same period. The number of COVID-19 patients in hospitals is the indicator that put the County on the [State's Monitoring List](#) and delayed some of our reopening plans.

The County has significantly ramped up its testing capacity, a very important tool to determine the health of the County during this pandemic. As of Monday, 342,619 people have been tested in the County, with a seven-day average positivity rate of 3.8%. The positivity rate has been hovering around 4%.

We flattened the curve before and we can do it again with the tools we have: Wear a face covering in public, keep at least a 6-foot distance from those not in your household and stay home if possible. If you do go out, avoid large crowds or crowded places.

Thank you for your cooperation in following the rules and please continue to be vigilant for the sake of yourselves, your families and your communities.

County Coronavirus Dashboards Update

As of Monday, there were 9,215 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the County, an increase of 206, and 184 deaths. There are currently 174 people hospitalized in the County who are confirmed to have COVID-19. So far, 342,619 people in Santa Clara County have been tested, with an average 3.8% positive rate over seven days. The [dashboards](#) are updated daily.

Statewide, there were 460,550 cases, and 8,445 deaths; 7.2 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 4.3 million cases, with 150,528 deaths.

Globally, there are 16.5 million cases and 655,300 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. The County has started a wrist-band system so people can avoid long lines. The supply of wristbands depends on the number of available tests and are only available as supplies last. The County advises those interested in a test at a pop-up site to go earlier in the day rather than later to pick up a wristband. When the wristbands run out, people will be directed to other testing locations nearby.

Residents can find a testing location across the County at [sccfreetest.org](https://www.sccfreetest.org) or by calling 2-1-1.

Here are new sites open from July 28 through August 1:

- **South County Annex (formerly Del Buono Elementary):** [9300 Wren Avenue, Gilroy](#), 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., July 28 to 31.
- **Oak Grove High School:** [285 Blossom Hill Road, San Jose](#). 1 to 6 p.m. July 28 to 31, and through July 24, and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on August 1.
- **Santa Clara County Office of Education:** [1290 Ridder Park Drive, San Jose](#), July 28 to 31, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

VTA Fares Scheduled to Resume August 1

VTA has [announced](#) that fare collection will resume for all bus, train and paratransit services on August 1. The VTA Downtown Customer Service Center at [55-A West Santa Clara Street](#) is now open on weekdays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. As VTA continues to increase its focus toward enhanced cleaning and protection for riders and operators. Partitions are now in place to limit contact between passengers and operators so that front-door boarding can resume. To reduce surface touch points, riders can download [VTA's EZfare app](#) on their phones or get a [Clipper card](#) and load funds online in advance instead of paying their fare with cash.

As outlined in [VTA's 10 Point Plan](#) to Strengthen Trust in Transit, passengers are required to wear a face covering while waiting for and on board transit. Operators are provided a variety of protective equipment, including face masks, face shields and other items to be worn as appropriate when helping passengers.

Honoring the 30th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act

In honor of the 30th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the California State Council on Developmental Disabilities is sharing a variety of stories from people with disabilities about how the law has impacted their lives. You can review these stories and discussions below, and more will be published throughout July at [facebook.com/CalSCDD](https://www.facebook.com/CalSCDD).

- ["There's Not Room for You" by Susan Madison, Regional Advisory Committee member for San Diego/Imperial](#)
- [Video: Michelle Padilla's ADA Story](#)
- [Video: ADA = Freedom](#)
- [ADA Story by Kathleen Barajas, State Independent Living Council member and Ms. Wheelchair California 2016](#)

Food Distribution at Mexican Heritage Plaza

La Plaza has been transformed into a convenient, safe location for East San Jose families to access the food, supplies, and information they need during this crisis. For this effort, La Plaza has partnered with Second Harvest of Silicon Valley to become a food distribution site. Our next distribution date is Monday, August 3. For the next year, 10,800 boxes of food will feed 43,200 community members in need. Click [here](#) for more information.

Job Opportunities with the San Jose Conservation Corps

The San Jose Conservation Corps is a 33-year old nonprofit organization focused on transitional age youth (ages 18-27) development. Over the past several months, San Jose Conservation Corps has been supporting local COVID-19 response efforts by providing support at homeless shelters and food banks in partnership with LifeMoves, HomeFirst, Second Harvest of Silicon Valley and others. They are also continuing their essential recycling services, natural resources management and fire fuel reduction work. San Jose Conservation Corps is looking for new members. If you are 18 to 27 years old, please complete an online application posted [here](#).

Online Workshops for Historical Grant Program Applicants

Two online workshops to help applicants with technical information and the applications process for the Historical Heritage Grant Program will begin at 10 a.m. on Thursday, August 6, and 1 p.m. on Friday, August 27. The Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Clara established the Historical Heritage Grant Program in 1990 to promote historic preservation and the awareness of significant cultural, historical and archaeological resources within the County. Funding is provided through the dedication of a portion of the County Park Charter Development Funds to the HHGP. Email grant@prk.sccgov.org to register for a workshop. The applications are due on Thursday, October 22.

Resources Available During Pandemic

- Updated Financial Assistance for Immigrants: The Santa Clara County Office of Immigrant Relations has consolidated a list of financial resources for the immigrant community in an effort to mitigate the disproportionate impact of COVID-19. The list can be found [here](#) in their latest newsletter.
- California for All Small Business Month: Governor Newsom proclaimed July 2020 as Small Business Month which coincided with the start of the “Calling All Californians: #ShopSafeShopLocal” campaign, which encourages shoppers to help small businesses operate safely during the pandemic. It also provides small business owners with resources to help them improve their online presence, including free website development and digital marketing. Find resources [here](#).
- 44 Children’s Books About Mental Health: The clinicians at the Child Mind Institute compiled a list of children’s books that address emotional, behavioral and learning issues for kids. Find their recommendations [here](#).
- Stress Management Guide: The World Health Organization has provided a stress management guide with practical techniques to overcome stress even in the most challenging times. Find it [here](#).

San José Park Volunteer Events Resume

The San Jose Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services Department is looking for volunteers to help support its parks during the pandemic, including Alum Rock Park and the Municipal Rose Garden. Participation is limited, and all volunteers must wear a face covering and keep a 6-foot distance from others. Signup forms must be completed online and emailed, at least one day prior to the event. For more information, please contact Mollie Tobias at mollie.tobias@sanjoseca.gov or visit the [PRNS volunteer website](#).

Helping Workers Isolate and Quarantine

A new state program, Housing for the Harvest, provides safe, temporary isolation spaces for agricultural and farmworkers who test positive or were exposed to the virus, which limits the risk of spreading COVID-19 to their coworkers or households.

Outreach and Education: This effort will leverage the public service media campaign and build a more comprehensive community engagement strategy to include work with community-based organizations, promotores, labor unions and worker advocacy groups to directly reach workers.

Support for Employees: Governor Newsom will work with the Legislature to advance worker protections. Expanded paid sick leave will provide workers financial security so they are able to stay home when sick. Similarly, workers' compensation access helps ensure that front-line workers can quarantine and stay home from work when ill.

Employer Resources: As California businesses work to reopen, a [new Employer Playbook](#) released recently will guide them on how to provide a clean environment for workers and customers to reduce risk.

Strategic Enforcement: Cal/OSHA and the Labor Commissioner's Office have strategically targeted investigations in high-risk industries, where the state has seen the most workplace outbreaks. Requiring employers to report outbreaks to their local health departments will help track county transmission. Governor Newsom will work with the Legislature to establish this authority.

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.

KCBS – [Santa Clara County Investing Heavily in Closing Digital Divide](#)

KPIX – [Santa Clara County Launches Nation's First Universal Basic Income for Young Adults Who Were in Foster Care](#)

Mercury News – [Santa Clara County launches basic income program for foster youth](#)

KCBS – [Santa Clara County Launches Universal Basic Income Program](#)

Telemundo Bay Area – [Apoyo financiero para jóvenes que salen del sistema de cuidado de crianza del condado Santa Clara](#)

Palo Alto Online – [Santa Clara County rolls out UBI program for youth transitioning out of foster care](#)

KTVU Fox – [San Jose business owner enforces face-covering ordinance on non-compliant customers](#)

Join My Saturday Town Hall on Facebook

Please join my Facebook Town Hall on Saturday, August 1, from 3 to 4 p.m., where you can ask questions about COVID-19.



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

EVERY SATURDAY
AUGUST FROM 3-4PM PST

LIVE ON FACEBOOK:
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You do not need to have a Facebook account to stream this Town Hall, simply click on this link link [facebook.com/davecortese gov](https://www.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.

If you missed the July 25 Town Hall with Dr. Sarah Rudman, Director of Case Investigations and Contact Tracing at the Emergency Operations Center, click [here](#).

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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