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Join Dr. Fenstersheib Townhall

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Dear Friends,

Testing for COVID-19, followed by contact tracing, are critical tools to stopping the spread of this virus that has taken the lives of 187 in Santa Clara County. Please join my livestreamed Facebook Town Hall from 3 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, August 1, with my special guest, Dr. Marty Fenstersheib, County COVID-19 Testing Officer.



Dr. Marty will be available to answer all your questions on testing, which the County successfully ramped up under his leadership. He spent 30 years with the County Public Health Department, retiring in 2013 as Public Health Officer. He returned to the County to become the COVID-19 Testing Officer when the pandemic began to expand in the Bay Area.

You don't need a Facebook account to stream this Town Hall, simply open an Internet browser and click on this link [facebook.com/davecortese](https://www.facebook.com/davecortese) to watch or ask questions. The video will be at the top of the page starting at 3 p.m. 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](#). You can also watch previous Town Halls with guests on my website, [supervisorcortese.org](https://www.supervisorcortese.org).

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.

County Coronavirus Dashboards Update

As of Wednesday, there were 9,612 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the County, an increase of 259, and 187 deaths. There are currently 185 people hospitalized in the County who are confirmed to have COVID-19. So far, 350,873 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 475,305 cases, and 8,715 deaths; 7.5 million have been tested, with an average 7.4% positive rate over the past 14 days. For more statewide data, click [here](#).

In the U.S., there are 4.5 million cases, with 153,542 deaths.

Globally, there are 17 million cases and 667,084 deaths.

COVID-19 Support Team on Hand to Provide Housing

Santa Clara County COVID-19 Support Team provides the following resources to County residents who test positive for COVID-19 or are identified as contacts to a positive case to enable them to isolate or quarantine safely:

- Motel rooms with supportive services for positive cases or contacts who cannot safely isolate or quarantine at home or who do not have a home. In addition to three meals per day, laundry services and transportation, medical and behavioral health staff will perform wellness checks weekly and connect individuals to appropriate services. Once the isolation or quarantine period is complete, the program staff assist participants transitioning to their homes or shelter setting.
- Support services for those who can isolate and quarantine at home, but who need some assistance. The supportive services are similar to what is provided at the motel. Most participating households need help buying groceries and cleaning supplies.
- Rental and financial assistance specifically for individuals and families participating in this program. Each household may be eligible for up to \$5,000. This service is available to households who need to use a hotel and to households who can isolate or quarantine at home.

The referral hotline is available seven days a week, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 408-808-7770.

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 through July 31 and August 1:

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

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.

[KRON 4 - First-of-its-kind program assists foster young adults in Santa Clara County; offering \\$1000 a month](#)

Save the Date: Virtual Walk for Foster Youth



The "[Foster5K](#)" will be a virtual 5-K event this year on Sunday, September 13, 2020. All proceeds help foster children in our community served by Child Advocates of Silicon Valley. Click [here](#) to learn more about how proceeds will help our foster youth.

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



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