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New Team for Homeless Shelters

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Dear Friends,

The Santa Clara County Office of Supportive Housing, Valley Homeless Healthcare Program, Behavioral Health Services Department and the City of San Jose have joined together to create a new team of the Joint Operations Center to manage requests for services at new shelters and motel rooms.

The team will have two to four people answering and responding to calls seven days a week at 408-278-6420. Callers will be asked to leave a message if all lines are busy. Staff will help callers complete referral forms for placement.

All shelters will follow these protocols to comply with the Public Health Order:

- Provide sleeping cots and clean linens in an open floor format complying with proper social distancing
- Offer three meals a day and showers
- Serve homeless individuals who are 18 years and older
- Assess participants for symptoms of COVID-19 upon entry/reentry to the programs, and take daily temperature and symptoms checks
- Require participants to use their shelter spaces each night; participants accruing three unexcused absences will forfeit their space and be added to the bottom of the waiting list
- Ask individuals to leave a facility if they engage in the sale of illegal substances on the property, engage in any physical altercation, engage in using substances on the property or violate other guidelines

County Coronavirus Dashboards Update

As of Sunday, there were 10,626 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the County, an increase of 1,585 in a week, and 191 deaths, an increase of seven deaths in a week. There are currently 183 people hospitalized in the County who are confirmed to have COVID-19, up by eight from a week ago. So far, 376,175 people in Santa Clara County have been tested, an increase of 36,567 from a week ago, with an average 4% positive rate over the past seven days. The [dashboards](#) are updated daily.

Statewide, there were 475,305 cases, and 9,356 deaths; 8 million have been tested, with an average 7.1% positive rate over the past 14 days. For more statewide data, click [here](#).

In the U.S., there are 4.7 million cases, with 157,424 deaths.

Globally, there are 17.9 million cases and 690,573 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. My Office has been happy to work with our Public Health Department to identify pop-up testing locations where they are needed. 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 or by calling 2-1-1.

Here are new sites open from Tuesday, August 4 through Saturday, August 8:

- **South County Annex (formerly Del Buono Elementary):** [9300 Wren Avenue, Gilroy](#), 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday, August 4 through Friday, August 7.
- **San Antonio Elementary School:** [1721 San Antonio Street, San Jose](#), 1 to 6 p.m., Tuesday, August 4 through Friday, August 7, and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, August 8.

Beginning this week, SCVMC will provide appointment-based testing on a consistently scheduled, rotating basis to try to reach each city at least once a month. This team can handle 600 appointments a day. These are walk-up (not drive-through) sites and appointments are required. Here are the sites open this week:

- **Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts:** [500 Castro Street, Mountain View](#), 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, August 4.
- **Cupertino Senior Center:** [21251 Stevens Creek Blvd., Cupertino](#), 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesday, August 5.
- **Campbell Community Center, Orchard City Banquet Hall:** [1 W. Campbell Avenue, Campbell](#), 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday, August 6.
- **Los Altos Hills:** [26379 W. Fremont Blvd., Los Altos Hills](#), 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, August 7.

No Town Hall on Saturday, August 8

The Saturday Town Hall will take a break this Saturday, August 8, and return on Saturday, August 15.

If you missed last Saturday's Town Hall with Guest Dr. Marty Fenstersheib, County COVID-19 Testing Officer, you can watch it [here](#).

If you didn't participate in Saturday's Town Hall, you can still get your COVID-19 questions answered. Just call my office at 408-299-5030 or email me at dave.cortese@bos.sccgov.org and we can assist 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.

Mercury News - [Activists, artists paint San Jose mural to honor lives of homeless residents](#)

Join Me at the Silicon Valley Bike Summit



I am honored to be the 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.

Each year, this event is a fun opportunity and conversation that highlights issues facing bicyclists and the growing popularity of biking. Click [here](#) for all of the details and to register.

Weekly Resource Roundup

- **Drive-Thru Food Distribution in East San Jose:** In partnership with Second Harvest Food Bank, the [School of Arts and Culture at Mexican Heritage Plaza, 1700 Alum Rock Avenue](#), is providing free food distribution every 1st and 3rd Monday of the month from 10 a.m. to noon. This year-long program will provide 10,800 boxes of food and feed 43,200 people. Please enter the King Road parking lot to register and be directed to the food pick-up. If you would like to volunteer, please fill out the [MHP food distribution volunteer online form](#).
- **Temporary Work Providing Food Assistance:** The San José Conservation Corps is currently hiring up to 100 temporary corps members to respond to the urgent need for food assistance during the COVID-19 pandemic. This is full-time work through at least September 18th for young people ages 18-27. Starting pay is \$15.25 an hour. Corps members will prepare food for distribution at one of three commercial food bank warehouses in San Jose. Click [here](#) to apply.
- **Disaster Distress Helpline:** Residents suffering from emotional distress related to COVID-19 can call the disaster distress line to get connected to a trained counselor 24/7/365. Call 1-800-895-5990 or text "TalkWithUs" to 66746. More information can be found [here](#).
- **Healthcare Access Program:** Residents can find free or reduced-cost benefits, including access to primary care physicians, urgent care visits, hospital stays, prescription medicine and more. Call 1-408-885-CARE or click [here](#) for more information.

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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