Dear Friends,

With temperatures continuing to be in the high 90s and 100s in the South Bay, cooling centers across the County will provide relief for those who do not have an air-conditioned place to cool off. Please remember to check in on your neighbors and loved ones by phone or email, especially older adults or those with mental illnesses.

Cooling centers will be open in San Jose, Mountain View, Morgan Hill, Santa Clara, Saratoga and Gilroy today, Tuesday and Wednesday. Click [here](https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0?ik=cb2fc1e664&view=pt&search=all&permmsgid=msg-f%3A1675318123649344857&simpl=msg-f%3A167531812361) for the locations and opening hours. At the centers, be sure to follow Public Health Department Guidelines:

- Do not enter if you have COVID-19 symptoms including fever, cough, diarrhea, headache, muscle aches, shortness of breath or unexplained loss of taste or smell.
- Face covering is required except for children 6 years and under or if medically inadvisable.
- Maintain a minimum distance of 6 feet from others at all times.

Also, during this heatwave, remember to:

- Drink plenty of water and fluids with electrolytes. Avoid alcohol, caffeine or lots of sugar because they will speed up fluid loss.
- Stay out of the sun and in air conditioning, when possible.
- Never leave children and pets in vehicles under any circumstance.

- Assist others on the street who may be having a severe reaction to the heat, by calling 911.
- Limit physical activity: Avoid physical activity during the hottest time of the day—10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Cool off by taking a bath or shower: Cool, plain water baths or moist towels work best. Do not cool children in alcohol baths.

Wear cool clothing: Lightweight, light-colored and loose-fitting clothing can help you keep cool. Cotton clothes are good because they let sweat evaporate.

Do not bundle babies: Babies do not handle heat well because their sweat glands are not fully developed. Do not put them in blankets or heavy clothing.

Cover your head: Wear a wide-brimmed, vented hat or use an umbrella when outdoors because your head absorbs heat easily.

Wear sunglasses and sunscreen: Use sunscreen with SPF 15 or higher when outdoors.

Budget Hearings Start This Week

The Board of Supervisors will meet at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, August 18, Wednesday, August 19 and Friday, August 21, to dive into the Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

Budget hearings are usually held in May, but because of the uncertainty of funding and other considerations related to COVID-19, the meetings are this month, and the Budget is scheduled to be adopted on Friday, August 21.

I hope you will join the board for these important discussions about County’s Budget and spending plan, especially in a year when so much has been unpredictable. Among the topics will be the costs of COVID-19 to the County and estimated costs going forward.

A good place to start is here. You’ll see links to two presentations: Budget Hearing Overview and FY 20-21 Overview and Updated Information. To view, hear or join the discussion visit the meeting portal for instructions.

Please call my office if you have questions, 408-299-5030, or email me at dave.cortese@bos.sccgov.org.

County Coronavirus Dashboards Update

Because of a glitch in the State reporting system, data on the County Coronavirus Dashboards have been incomplete. The governor reported on Friday that the State has completed compiling cases from the backlog caused by the glitch, and numbers provided to counties would also reflect that. The County is making sure the information is current. In the meantime, we will continue to provide information that is compiled here in the County.

As of Monday, there were 173 COVID-19 patients in hospitals in Santa Clara County, an increase of four since Friday, and 54 in ICU beds, an increase of six; 163 ventilators are in use of 787 available; 820 beds are available in County hospitals, and 143 ICU beds are available.

The Cost Tracking Dashboard shows that the County has spent $178.8 million on COVID-19-related costs.

In the U.S., there are 5.4 million cases, with 172,146 deaths.

Globally, there are 21.7 million cases and 776,241 deaths.

Applicants Sought for Civil Grand Jury

The Santa Clara County Superior Court is seeking applicants to serve on the 2021 Civil Grand Jury. The Civil Grand Jury system is part of the California Constitution and plays an important civic watchdog function, bringing accountability to local government agencies. It is vital that the grand jury is diverse and representative of our community.

Residents who have lived in the county for one year, are United States citizens, and are at least 18 years of age may apply for service. The Court is seeking applicants of all backgrounds who are willing to make the commitment of a one-year term, beginning on January 4, 2021. Grand jury service typically requires approximately 25 hours per week.
More information about the Civil Grand Jury and an application can be found [here](https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0?ik=cb2fc1e664&view=pt&search=all&permmsgid=msg-f%3A1675318123649344857&simpl=msg-f%3A167531812363). The deadline to apply is September 25, 2020.

**Saturday Town Hall with Dave**

Thank you to all who asked very thoughtful questions at the August 15 Town Hall with our guest Dr. Mary Ann Dewan, County Superintendent of Schools. If you missed this Town Hall, you can view it at [www.facebook.com/davecortesegov](http://www.facebook.com/davecortesegov).

The next Town Hall will be livestreamed from 3 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, August 22. You don’t need a Facebook account to stream this Town Hall, simply open an Internet browser and click on this link [facebook.com/davecortesegov](http://facebook.com/davecortesegov).

If you aren’t able to participate in Saturday’s Town Hall, call my office at 408-299-5030 or email me at dave.cortese@bos.sccgov.org to get your questions answered.

Please join us!

**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](http://sccfreetest.org) or by calling 2-1-1.

Here are new pop-up sites open Tuesday, August 17, through Saturday, August 22.

- **Overfelt High School Gymnasium:** 1835 Cunningham Avenue, San Jose, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Tuesday, August 18, through Friday, August 21, and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, August 22.
- **South County Annex (formerly Del Buono Elementary):** 9300 Wren Avenue, Gilroy, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday, August 18, through Friday, August 21.

SCVMC is providing appointment-based testing on a consistently scheduled, rotating basis to try to reach each of the cities in the County 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. Click [here](http://www.facebook.com/davecortesegov) to schedule an appointment. These are the sites open the remainder of this week:

- **Mountain View:** Center for Performing Arts, 500 Castro Street, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday, August 18.
- **Cupertino:** Senior Center, 21251 Stevens Creek Boulevard, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wednesday, August 19.
- **Campbell:** Orchard City Banquet Hall, 1 West Campbell Avenue, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursday, August 20.
- **Milpitas:** Sports Center, 1325 E Calaveras Boulevard, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday, August 21.
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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