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CalFire Releases Map and Expanded Evacuation Areas

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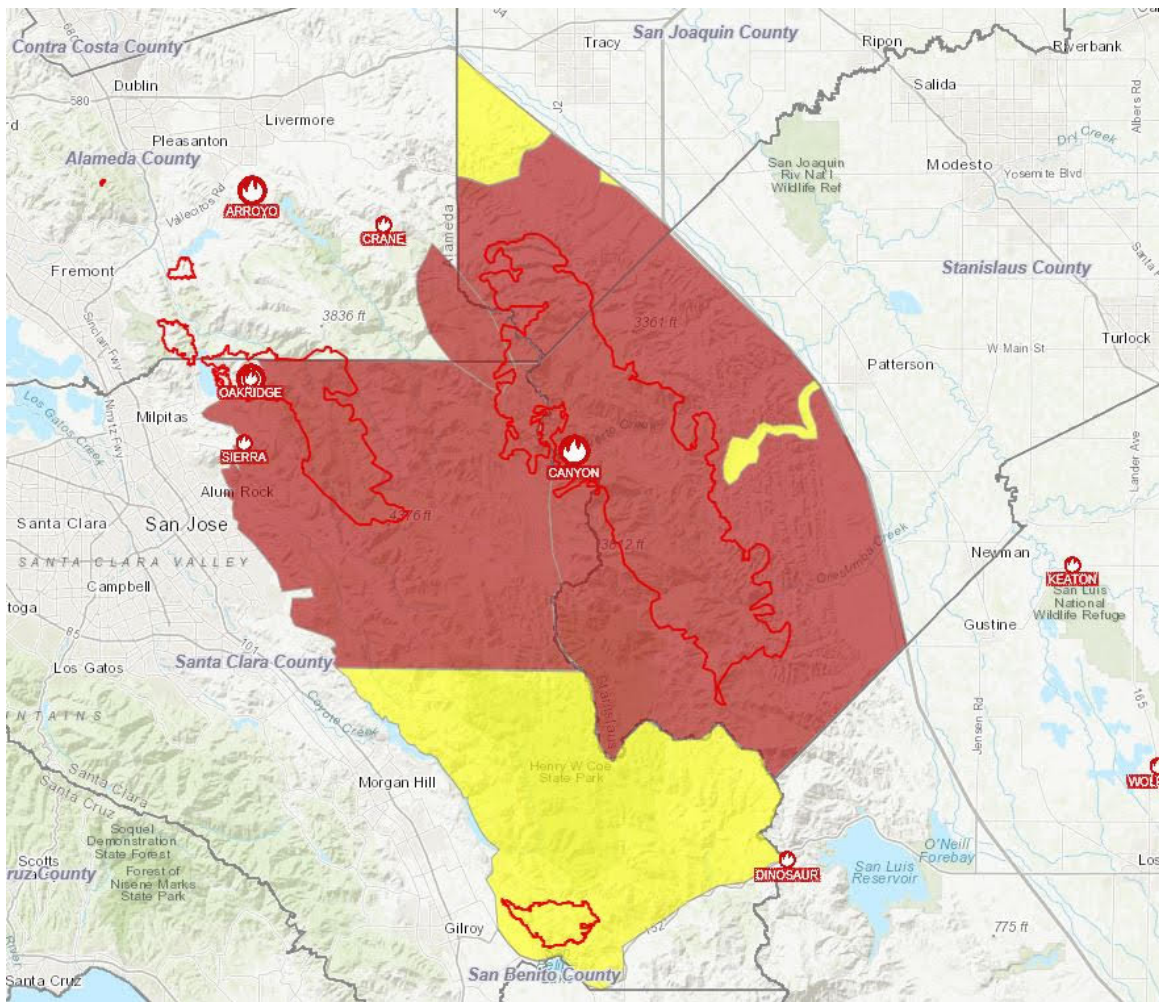
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Dear Friends,

As fires continue to burn in Santa Clara County and surrounding counties, we will try to keep you updated with the latest information on locations, evacuation orders and warnings. In Santa Clara County, the SCU Lightning Complex fires are burning in the eastern part of the county while major fires burn in Santa Cruz and San Mateo Counties, known as the CZU August Lightning Complex Fire. At 4:00 p.m. today, CAL FIRE issued a new evacuation warning for [expanded areas](#) of Santa Clara County. Today, CAL FIRE created an evacuation map that they are continually updating. This map can found [here](#) and a screenshot is below.

Please continue to visit the "Fire Information" section at www.supervisorcortese.org for regular incident and evacuation updates.



Evacuation centers have been set up at the Milpitas Library, [160 N. Main Street, Milpitas](#), and at Sobrato High School, [401 Burnett Avenue, Morgan Hill](#), starting at 1:30 p.m. today.

The resource center is staffed by the American Red Cross and serves to assess the needs of individuals and families impacted by the evacuations and determine appropriate resources. It is not a shelter but serves to assist residents with temporary housing.

An information hotline and website are also available for Santa Clara County residents seeking information about available resources. The hotline can be reached at 408-808-7778 and is for evacuees only, not general fire information. General fire information is available online at <http://bit.ly/LightningComplex-SCC>.

The Santa Clara County Fire Department is reminding residents to be ready for wildfire. Have a plan and be ready to go immediately in the event of an evacuation. Register to receive Santa Clara County emergency alerts at alertscc.com. Visit sccfd.org/rsg for more information on preparing your home and family for wildfire.

Limit Outdoor Activity with Unhealthy Air Quality

High temperatures and regional wildfires have produced unhealthy air quality in Santa Clara County. As we take precautions in light of air quality and fire, we must continue to protect ourselves and our loved ones from COVID-19.

The County of Santa Clara Public Health Department urges those with health conditions who need to stay indoors because of the smoke to shelter at home, where they can be safe from both smoke and COVID-19.

When residents leave their homes, they should continue following all COVID-19 precautions, including wearing face coverings when in public.

The air quality varies across the county, and more information on conditions where you live are available at airnow.gov. County residents should avoid any strenuous outdoor activities until air quality improves, and should avoid being outdoors for an extended amount of time.

All County-run COVID-19 testing sites – both drop-in and appointment only – will remain open. Additional safeguards for patrons and staff are in place in light of the wildfires and heat.

Saturday Town Hall with Guest David Mineta



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

**EVERY SATURDAY
AUGUST FROM 3-4PM PST**

**LIVE ON FACEBOOK:
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Please join my Town Hall on Saturday, August 22, with special guest David Mineta, President and CEO of Momentum for Mental Health, who will provide information about mental health resources and answer questions about how to cope during this challenging time.

The 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/davecortsegov.

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!

Testing Locations Open This Week

The County of Santa Clara has opened a new COVID-19 testing site, run by Valley Medical Center, which is anticipated to become the highest capacity test center in the region. Testing capabilities at the site will be up to 1,000 people daily by this week's end, with the ability to expand to up to 5,000 people a day. Tests are by appointment only.

County test sites and additional sites operated by other organizations are mapped on the County's website at sccfreetest.org. The site is available in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, Chinese and Tagalog. Information is also available by calling 2-1-1.

The pop-up testing program operated by Santa Clara Valley Medical Center is providing tests this week at:

- **Overfelt High School Gymnasium:** [1835 Cunningham Avenue, San Jose](#), 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., 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., 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](#) to schedule an appointment. These are the sites open the remainder of this week and next:

- **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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