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Special Town Hall with Red Cross CEO

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Dear Friends,

When a disaster strikes, the American Red Cross responds immediately to the needs of those effected, and locally that means the coronavirus and wildfires.

You can learn more about what the organization does – and how you can help out – at my Town Hall on Saturday, August 29.

My guest will be Ken Toren, Chief Executive Officer of the Red Cross of Silicon Valley. He will answer your questions about the wildfires that are still burning around our valley, as well as aiding people who have COVID-19 and their families.



The Red Cross is currently operating three Evacuation Centers in Santa Clara County at the Milpitas Library, Sobrato High School in Morgan Hill and Quinlan Community Center in Cupertino.

Across the region, the Red Cross is operating 14 congregate shelters, and 32 non-congregate sites in hotels or similar facilities and 10 Temporary Evacuation Points.

Red Cross volunteers have made more than 800 contacts with people who had medical or disability needs, and they continue to provide emotional and spiritual support to affected individuals during this challenging time.

About 350 trained Red Cross disaster workers have been mobilized to support these fires' relief efforts, either in person or virtually.

Please join us on Saturday! The Town Hall will be livestreamed from 3 to 4 p.m. You don't need a Facebook account to stream this Town Hall, simply open an Internet browser and click on [facebook.com/davecortese](https://www.facebook.com/davecortese).

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.

Wildfires Update

As of this morning, The SCU Lightning Complex Fire has burned 368,671 acres, mostly grass and brush, and is 35% contained. Twenty homes and 17 outbuildings have been destroyed. This fire is burning in Santa Clara, Contra Costa, Alameda and Stanislaus counties.

On Wednesday, CAL FIRE reduced evacuation orders to warnings for areas west of the active fire line, and east of the City of San José and City of Milpitas. Click [here](#) to view a map.

County Sheriff Laurie Smith has issued guidelines for ranchers who have been evacuated and need to evacuate or care for their livestock. Those residents can call CALFIRE at 925-588-6805 or click [here](#) for instructions on how to receive passes to ranch areas.

The CZU Fire has burned 81,333 acres of brush and timber, and has destroyed 445 homes, 50 commercial buildings and 150 outbuildings. It is 21% contained and is burning in San Mateo and Santa Cruz counties. Evacuation orders are in place for 74,034 residents.

Visit my website, supervisorcortese.org for more information.

COVID-19 Dashboards Update

Because of a glitch in the State reporting system, data on the [County Coronavirus Dashboards](#) has been incomplete. The State has completed compiling cases from the backlog caused by the glitch, and the County is still making sure the information is current.

Santa Clara County is still on the [State Monitoring List](#).

According to the Dashboards, there are 16,396 cases in Santa Clara County, and 237 deaths. These are cumulative numbers and don't reflect the number of people who have recovered; 557,572 people have been tested, with a seven-day average positivity rate of 3.7%

As of Wednesday, there were 142 COVID-19 patients in hospitals in Santa Clara County, and 39 in ICU beds.

The cumulative total of cases in California is 683,529, and 12,550 people have died; 10.9 million have been tested, with an average 14-day positivity rate of 6.1%.

In the U.S., there are 5.8 million cases, with 181,791 deaths.

Globally, there are 24 million cases and 821,909 deaths.

COVID-19 Testing Locations

County Fairgrounds: The drive-through testing site requires an appointment, which can be scheduled by visiting www.sccfreetest.org. Testing hours are from noon to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday.

Santa Clara Valley Medical Center continues to offer drop-in and appointment-based testing at other locations.

Drop-in Testing Locations:

- **Overfelt High School, Gymnasium:** [1835 Cunningham Ave., San Jose](#), through Friday, August 28 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, August 29.
- **South County Annex:** [9300 Wren Avenue, Gilroy](#), through Friday, August 28 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

There is also a new testing site open from 1 to 7 p.m. on Wednesdays, at the Mexican Heritage Plaza in San Jose. Wrist bands can be picked up as early as 9:30 a.m.

Appointment-Based Testing Locations:

Visit www.sccfreetest.org or call 2-1-1 for appointments.

- **Saratoga** – Saratoga Friendship Hall, 19841 Prospect Road, Thursday, August 27.
- **Palo Alto** – Palo Alto Art Center Auditorium, [1313 Newell Road](#), Friday, August 28.
- **Milpitas** – Milpitas Sports Center, [1325 East Calaveras Boulevard](#), 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday, August 31.

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.

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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