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Hair Salons, Barbershops Can Operate Indoors

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Dear Friends,

Beginning today, hair salons and barbershops may operate indoors with [safety measures](#) in place under a new framework announced by Governor Gavin Newsom on Friday, called [Blueprint for a Safer Economy](#). Also, malls may open with a limited number of shoppers inside, up to 25 percent capacity.

Those are the two key impacts on Santa Clara County under the State's new four-tiered, color coded framework, which the County Health Department has signed off on. Nail salons and other personal services may continue to operate outside, along with restaurants, fitness centers and places of worship. All retail may operate indoors with limited capacity. Bars that don't serve food must remain closed. All of that according to the Governor who has superseded our local County orders.

The new color-coded system replaces the monitoring watch list and ranges from purple, where transmission of COVID-19 is believed to be widespread, to yellow, where there is minimal transmission of the virus. Santa Clara County, and most of the State's counties, are in the purple, the first tier. Click [here](#) to view a chart that shows the new framework.

The County will continue to work with the State for clarity in these orders and we will keep you updated with information. For questions, the County Office of Labor Standards Enforcement has an advice line at 1-866-870-7725.

Also, starting today, the public will be able to report Order violations and related complaints at www.sccCOVIDconcerns.org. This site will also connect residents and businesses with other resources, including the business call center and the webpages to submit Social Distancing Protocols and positive COVID cases at worksites. The goal is to provide aid and education to businesses that may be struggling to keep up with protocols.

Wildfires Update

Evacuation orders have been downgraded to warnings, and warnings have been lifted for some parts of the County as a result of containment of the SCU Fire in the east and north areas. Please view this [map](#) showing the areas.

As of Monday morning, the SCU Lightning Complex Fire has burned 383,157 acres, and is 60% contained. Destroyed structures are now at 104 in the four counties: Santa Clara, Contra Costa, Alameda and Stanislaus.

The CZU Fire has burned 84,860 acres and has destroyed 1,361 structures, including homes, commercial buildings and outbuildings. It is 39% 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. New on the website is information on [returning home after a wildfire](#).

On Tuesday, September 1, the Board of Supervisors will discuss a report from the Santa Clara County Central Fire Protection District on Wildland Fire Preparedness and Planning. I will advocate for sufficient funding to better prepare our community for wildfires in the County. It is Item 23 on the agenda. Click [here](#) for information on how to view or join the teleconference discussion.

Updated School Waivers Webpage

Last week, the County created a [webpage](#) to track those school districts that have received approvals of their waiver application to re-open elementary schools for in-person instruction per the State's waiver process. The updated webpage now includes all applications that have been received and are currently under review.

COVID-19 Dashboards Update

Because of a glitch in the State reporting system, data on the [County Coronavirus Dashboards](#) have 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.

According to the Dashboards, there were 17,013 cases in Santa Clara County, and 244 deaths. These are cumulative numbers and don't reflect the number of people who have recovered; 562,298 people have been tested, with a seven-day average positivity rate of 3.5%.

As of Wednesday, there were 139 COVID-19 patients in hospitals in Santa Clara County, and 49 in ICU beds.

The cumulative total of cases in California is 704,529, and 12,993 people have died; 11.3 million have been tested, with an average 14-day positivity rate of 5.3%.

In the U.S., there were 6 million cases, with 185,870 deaths.

Globally, there are 25 million cases and 843,586 deaths.

COVID-19 Testing Week of August 31

Drive Through Testing

County Fairgrounds: Lot A – 344 Tully Road, parking lot across from Gate B and across from the Blue Arch, noon to 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays.

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, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday, September 1 through Friday, September 4.

South County Annex: 9300 Wren Avenue, Gilroy, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday, September 1 through Friday, September 4.

Appointment-Based Testing Locations:

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

- **Milpitas:** Milpitas Sports Center, [1325 East Calaveras Boulevard](#), 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday, August 31.

- **Mountain View:** Center for the Performing Arts, [500 Castro Street](#), Tuesday, September 1.
- **Cupertino:** Cupertino Senior Center, [21251 Stevens Creek Boulevard](#), Wednesday, September 2.
- **Campbell:** Orchard City Banquet Hall, 1 Campbell Avenue, Thursday, September 3.
- **Los Altos Hills:** Council Chambers, [26379 West Fremont Road](#), Los Altos Hills, Friday, September 4.

New Verily Testing Location

Beginning today, Project Baseline, a COVID-19 testing program operated by the company Verily, will be providing testing at a new location: Independence High School, [617 North Jackson Avenue, San Jose](#). This is a drive-through site but also open to pedestrians. Hours will be 2 to 7 p.m. today, and after today, 1 to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays. To book an appointment, visit [here](#) for English or [here](#) for Spanish.

Verily's other testing site in Santa Clara County is at Mount Pleasant High School, [1750 South White Road, San Jose](#), from 1 to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays. Appointments for sites at Independence and Mount Pleasant can be scheduled at www.projectbaseline.com.

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
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