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Cortese Calls for Federal Disaster Aid

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Dear Friends,

On Wednesday, I sent an [urgent request](#) to Governor Gavin Newsom asking for his help in adding Santa Clara County to the Presidential Major Disaster Declaration because of the damage in the County caused by the SCU Fire. The SCU Fire is the second largest fire in the state's history and is not yet eligible for FEMA aid. I want to thank our local state lawmakers State Senator Jim Beall and State Assemblymember Ash Kalra for also calling on the Governor to add Santa Clara County to this Disaster Declaration.

Santa Clara County must be added to the list. Although the SCU area is not as populated as other fire areas, there are residents, cattle ranchers and others who were burned out of their homes and livelihoods and deserve access to federal assistance.

On Sunday, I toured SCU Fire areas in the Diablo Range of the County from San Jose to beyond Lick Observatory to the San Antonio Valley to survey the widespread damage. The loss of grazing land alone will cost ranchers millions of dollars in cattle feed. There are tremendous losses, as well, of homes, outbuildings, fences, tanks, water wells, power poles, vehicles and livestock. And ranchers face an uncertainty of future livelihoods.

Across four counties, the SCU Fire has consumed 391,578 acres and is 78% contained. Complete containment is expected by September 12, according to Cal Fire.

The CZU Fire has burned 87,456 in San Mateo and Santa Cruz counties and is 48% contained.

Visit my website, supervisorcortese.org for more information.

Sign Up for Emergency Alerts from AlertSCC

As the fires in Santa Clara County and surrounding counties continue to become contained and some evacuated residents are allowed to return to their homes, the County reminds residents that accurate information is critical during an emergency or disaster situation. AlertSCC provides free emergency alerts, including evacuation notices, and status updates on a person's phone or email. Please sign up for this important notification system at www.AlertSCC.org.

Be Safe This Holiday Weekend

As we approach the Labor Day holiday weekend, please remember that we are still fighting a pandemic and Shelter in Place guidelines are still in place. Please wear a face covering, keep a physical distance from people who are not part of your household, avoid large gatherings and look in on others who live alone and may need help.

The weekend forecast predicts warmer temperatures, so check the weather report and the air quality at airnow.gov before planning activities. Some areas still have unhealthy air

caused by the smoke and ash of the massive fires that have burned around us.

The County Health Department has offered tips for how to stay safe over the holiday weekend, using lessons learned from Memorial Day and Independence Day when social gatherings led to the spread of COVID-19.

Here are some of them. For the entire list and more, click [here](#).

- Hang out with members of your household.
- Outdoors is much safer than indoors.
- If you're feeling sick or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, stay home.
- Communicate beforehand and agree on protective measures that will be followed at a gathering.
- Leave a party or gathering if someone seems sick.
- Be extra cautious in the days before gathering with others and stay home as much as possible to avoid exposure to COVID-19.

Town Hall with Ky Le, Deputy County Executive



My guest at the Town Hall on Saturday, September 5 will be Ky Le, Deputy County Executive who was Director of the Office of Supportive Housing. He will give us an update on COVID-19, the new state system to evaluate counties' response to the virus and answer your questions.

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 this link facebook.com/davecortese.gov.

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!

COVID-19 Update

Under the new guidelines issued by Governor Gavin Newsom, Santa Clara County is in the first tier of a four-tier system. We are in this most restrictive category for reopening businesses and activities because of a high case rate. Click [here](#) for details.

According to County Public Health Dashboards, there were 17,902 cases in Santa Clara County, and 250 deaths. These are cumulative numbers and don't reflect the number of people who have recovered; 606,096 people have been tested, with a seven-day average positivity rate of 3.2%.

As of Wednesday, there were 128 COVID-19 patients in hospitals in Santa Clara County, and 46 in ICU beds.

The cumulative total of cases in California is 717,177, and 13,327 people have died; 11.6 million have been tested, with an average 14-day positivity rate of 5%.

In the U.S., there were 6.2 million cases, with 188,854 deaths.

Globally, there are 26 million cases and 864,153 deaths.

COVID-19 Testing Locations

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., through Friday, September 4.
- **South County Annex:** [9300 Wren Avenue, Gilroy](#), 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., through Friday, September 4.

Appointment-Based Testing Locations:

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

- **Campbell:** Orchard City Banquet Hall, 1 Campbell Avenue, Thursday, September 3.
- **Los Altos Hills:** Council Chambers, [26379 West Fremont Road](#), Friday, September 4.

Verily Testing Locations

Project Baseline, a COVID-19 testing program operated by the company Verily, is providing tests at Independence High School, [617 North Jackson Avenue, San Jose](#), and Mount Pleasant High School, [1750 South White Road, San Jose](#). These are drive-through sites but are also open to pedestrians. Hours are 1 to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays. To book an appointments, visit [here](#) for English or [here](#) for Spanish.

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,



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