Dear Friends,

Today, Santa Clara County moves into a new phase of Shelter in Place, allowing more businesses to reopen and activities to resume. And that’s because you as individuals, and we as a community, have taken the Shelter in Place guidelines seriously and helped to flatten the curve of COVID-19 cases. The numbers are still rising, but at a much slower pace than at the beginning of the pandemic in the County.

Over the past several weeks, I convened task forces to work with employees and employers in a variety of sectors to pursue the safe resumption of work and reopening of our economy. My office and I have been working hard to support small-business owners and workers as they prepare to open under safety precautions.

Here’s a partial list of new openings since the last order:

- **Businesses** -- Outdoor dining at restaurants, in-store shopping at retail and shopping centers; all manufacturing, warehousing and logistics; house cleaning and other no-contact in-home services; low contact or no contact service businesses including shoe repair, watch repair and other similar services; pet grooming and dog walking.
- **Children** -- All childcare, summer camps, summer school, and all other educational or recreational programs for all children in stable groups up to 12 children with change of groups allowed every three weeks.
- **Outdoor** -- Small outdoor ceremonies and outdoor religious gatherings in groups no larger than 25; all outdoor recreational activities that do not involve physical contact, with social distancing and with up to one other household, including hiking, tennis, Frisbee and golf; outdoor swimming pools; camping; and drive-in theaters and other automobile-based gatherings.

For each category, there are required protocols and safety measures that must be put in place and followed. We do need to remain vigilant, and allow time – as long as three weeks – for further easing of restrictions to assess the impacts, if any, to these changes. The Emergency Operations Center has created a [graphic](https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0?ik=cb2fc1e664&view=pt&search=all&permmsgid=msg-f%3A1668683006572875450&simplt=msg-f%3A16686830065... that gives you a quick glance of what was already open and what is new. There is also a new [FAQ](https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0?ik=cb2fc1e664&view=pt&search=all&permmsgid=msg-f%3A1668683006572875450&simplt=msg-f%3A16686830065...) to help guide you.

For questions, you can also call my office at 408-299-5030 or email me at dave.cortese@bos.sccgov.org.

**Coronavirus Dashboards Update**

As of Thursday, there are 2,850 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the County and 144 deaths. There are currently 49 people hospitalized in the County who are confirmed to have COVID-19. So far, 84,600 people in Santa Clara County have been tested, with a 3.3 percent positive rate. The dashboards are updated daily at the [Public Health website](https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0?ik=cb2fc1e664&view=pt&search=all&permmsgid=msg-f%3A1668683006572875450&simplt=msg-f%3A16686830065...).
**Town Hall on Saturday with a Special Guest**

Join me every Saturday for an Online Town Hall streamed live on my Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/davecortesegov](http://www.facebook.com/davecortesegov).

The live discussions can be streamed on Saturday, June 6, June 13, June 20 and June 27, from 3 to 4 p.m. Ask questions through Facebook, call in and ask your questions at 408-287-3587, or text my Office at 408-480-7833. You do not need to have a Facebook account to stream this Town Hall.

On Saturday, June 6, we will have a very special guest joining us, Deputy County Counsel Tony LoPresti, who has been integral to the drafting of our Shelter in Place Orders.

I would like to give a special thank you to Minh Ho who takes time every Saturday to provide volunteer technical support for these Town Halls. Thank you for your service to the community to help share important updates.

We hope to hear from you!

**Second Hearing on Reopening the Economy**

On Monday, June 8, the Board of Supervisors will conduct a second hearing on efforts to safely reopen the economy in Santa Clara County, beginning at 9:30 a.m. via teleconference.

The Board will hear from faith-based institutions, the transit and transportation sector, recreational and fitness facilities, the arts and entertainment industry, hair and personal care, pet care/grooming, professional, collegiate and high school athletics, middle and high schools, the hospitality industry, and licensed medical professionals including but not limited to dentists, optometrists, chiropractors and veterinarians.

Please join the discussion and share your comments.

**Virtual Forum on Road Safety for Bicyclists During COVID-19**

Join me and the Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition for an informal conversation about road safety for bicyclists as we shelter in place. We’ll also be joined by representatives from the County Roads Department, the County Sheriff and the California Highway Patrol. The forum will begin at 6 p.m. on Monday, June 8, and will be framed around the questions and concerns submitted by the bicycling community. For more information, to register and to send in your questions or thoughts, click here. We hope you’ll join us on June 8.

**Housing and Meal Assistance for Older Adults**

[Season of Sharing Fund](http://www.seasonofsharing.org) provides grants for housing and other needs for low-to-moderate income families with dependent children, adults 55 and older, disabled individuals, veterans, survivors of domestic violence, pregnant women in their 2nd or 3rd trimester, and transitioning emancipated foster youth. The grants are paid directly to the supplier of
services, such as a landlord. Call Santa Clara County Social Services Agency at 408-755-7710, or visit the SSA website for more information.

The “Great Plates Delivered” program connects older adults across California to meal delivery services. Santa Clara County seniors and other adults at high risk from COVID-19 can access the program at mysourcewise.com or by calling 408-350-3230 (option 1). For more information visit this link.

City of San José Seeks Local Vendors for Reopening Supplies

San Jose’s Office of Economic Development is developing an online resource to connect local businesses with local suppliers of products and services necessary to reopen safely. Residents that live or work in San Jose that manufacture or resell face coverings; see-through shields, partitions, cubes, dividers, hand sanitizer, COVID-19-related signs, decals, posters; disinfection/cleaning supplies and services; or who provide consulting services on social/physical distancing should email covid19sjbusiness@sanjoseca.gov. Submissions will be reviewed for inclusion on the COVID-19 business guidance webpage at www.sjeconomy.com/covid19businessinfo.

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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