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COVID-19 Update: Donation Drive/Shelter for our Unhoused

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Dear Community,

The most vulnerable population in Santa Clara County by far is the 8,000 unsheltered and unhoused residents who struggle every day to survive. The COVID-19 pandemic sweeping the County adds an even greater threat to the health of those who are already vulnerable from living outside, some for years.

At a media briefing this morning that was livestreamed on Facebook, I reported that the County is and has been reaching out to the homeless population, especially those living in close proximity to each other in camps. All unhoused and unsheltered individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 have been sheltered and quarantined. Watch a recording of the briefing at [this link](#).

The County has been looking for every opportunity to expand the number of temporary shelter beds in motels and public facilities.

As of Sunday, the County has 602 temporary shelter spaces for homeless individuals, and half of those are making up for the loss of beds in shelters where social distancing measures were put in place. Normally, there are 2021 shelter beds available. All shelters are now open 24-7, along with the City of San Jose's safe parking sites and the overnight warming centers.

The County has opened a temporary shelter at the Fairgrounds for 60 people, and the City of San Jose's Parkside Hall and South Hall are being used for temporary shelter. The State has also provided the City of San Jose with 105 trailers, which are located in a Kelley Park and will be refurbished in the coming weeks for temporary housing.

As your Supervisor, I am committed to funding and allocating all resources that are needed to address our homeless population during this health crisis. The unhoused need to be taken care of just like everyone else.

Update on Coronavirus Cases and Reminder of Dashboards

The Public Health Department's Coronavirus website reports that there are 1,207 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Santa Clara County and 39 deaths. For more information, including available hospital beds, available equipment and results of testing, visit sccphd.org/coronavirus.

In the News

Did you get a chance to see recent coverage of our work in your local news? Check out the links below for recent updates:

San Francisco Chronicle: [Missing in Bay Area's battle against coronavirus? Detailed](#),

[reliable data](#)

San Jose Spotlight: [Efforts to house homeless during COVID-19 may lead to long-term housing options](#)

SF Gate: [Local Leaders Address Misinformation About Covid-19 Eviction Moratorium](#)

KRON4: [Santa Clara County calls for welfare checks at homeless camps during pandemic](#)

ABC News: [Santa Clara County says homeless with COVID-19 have temporary shelter, push to reach more of region's un-housed](#)

Speak Up for Shelter for our Unhoused

At our Board of Supervisors meeting on April 7, I am asking the Board to consider establishing a temporary shelter program at a County-owned project site. Please join me in expressing support for this item. Visit [this website](#) to access our Public Comment options for this virtual Board Meeting. Written public comments may be submitted by email to BoardOperations@cob.sccgov.org.

Want to Thank a Healthcare Worker?

Lift the spirits of a Healthcare worker, without leaving your home, for free! Know-A-Vet is providing templates for kids and adults to color and write 100,000 cards that they will be collecting and distributing to hospitals, clinics, fire stations, police stations, food banks and more, across the country, starting here in Silicon Valley.

Your part is all by email. Send your email address to Know-a-Vet at Cards@KnowAVet.org and let them know if you want templates for Health Care Workers, First Responders, Seniors or all of the above.

Food Friday Donation Drive

Please join me and Mike Hennessey for a canned goods collection from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, April 10, at Cambrian Park Plaza at the corner of Union Avenue and Camden Avenue. Please join us in helping a family in need during this global shut down.



Mike Hennessey

Note from Mike: When doing a charity event, it is always nice to team up Dave Cortese for his great support. This is what makes our community work. Thanks Dave!



Dave Cortese

Note from Dave: I look forward to seeing you all there. This is the time of need where pitching in really helps to support our community during these trying times. If everyone can support just a little it can make a big difference.



**Drop by for FOOD FRIDAY!
It's back on!!**

**Canned food donations collection
at Cambrian Park Plaza
Corner of Union Ave & Camden Ave.
April 10th: 11am - 3pm
[click for map!](#)**



"Food Friday" Canned Food Collection -It's back on!!



**Dave Cortese & his team does not give up either!
Dave worked out safe arrangements for us to deliver
the much needed food.**

Please join us in helping a family in need during this global shut down. The need is drastic & right now. This is a great way to help some people in our own backyard. We will deliver the food the same day with great thanks for the support of you all.

What a GREAT reason to get that car out for some exercise! We will be following the rules of keeping a social distance for everyone's safety. Just pull into the parking lot and see our trucks parked near the Merry Go Round. You won't need to get out of your car, my staff will help unload. It's just that easy!

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I want to thank the community, once again, for your cooperation in following the guidelines, your compassion in helping others and your eagerness to stay informed and see how you can help. Please reach out to my office at 408 299 5030 with any question, comment, or concern you may have. You can also email me at dave.cortese@bos.sccgov.org.

Sincerely,



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