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Santa Clara County Recommends Non-Medical Face Coverings

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Dear Community,

Public Health Officers across the Bay Area now recommend that we [wear face coverings](#) when we leave home for essential activities, such as trips to the grocery store or the pharmacy, to stop the spread of COVID-19.

This is a reversal of what health experts have been telling us and it's based on new thoughts about how the virus may be spreading. People who don't show symptoms may still be spreading the virus or may be spreading it days before they have symptoms. Wearing face coverings is another way to protect others.

That was the message brought to us today by Public Information Officers from the County's Emergency Operations Center.

Join me for a briefing on Monday, April 6, at 10 a.m. on the [Public Health's Facebook page](#) where I will be among the speakers.

The County is not recommending that you wear surgical masks or N-95 masks. Those should be available only to health workers who are on the frontline. We should wear other types of face coverings, such as home-sewn fabric coverings or even bandanas, tied tightly around our faces. It is also recommended that these be washed frequently in hot water and dried in a hot dry cycle.

Face coverings are not a substitute for sheltering in place, frequent handwashing, or social distancing, but they do provide an additional layer of prevention when you are outside of your home.

Update on Coronavirus Cases

The Public Health Department's Coronavirus website reports that there are 1,019 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Santa Clara County and 36 deaths. For more information, including available hospital beds, available equipment and results of testing, visit sccphd.org/coronavirus.

Speak Up for Shelter for our Unhoused during COVID-19 Emergency

At our next Meeting on April 7th, I am asking the Board of Supervisors to consider establishing a temporary shelter program at a County-owned project site. Our unhoused population are among the most vulnerable to the widespread outbreak of COVID-19 in Santa Clara County. The County needs to identify immediate shelter site options to protect not only our unhoused population, but also our broader population and our health care systems that are already in high demand. 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.

Help for Small Business Owners and Managers

Please join me and Dennis King of the Silicon Valley Small Business Development Center as we present a webinar from 3 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 4, on resources available to small businesses during this difficult time, with an emphasis on Federal Economic Injury and Payroll Protection Funding. To watch, visit [facebook.com/davecortese/](https://www.facebook.com/davecortese/).

You can also learn more about how businesses can survive through this pandemic by visiting the Small Business Development Center site today at <https://www.svsbdc.org>.

Radio Townhall Video Recording

For those who weren't able to tune in to our Radio Town Hall broadcast live on April 1 on Hope Radio, a Multilingual Radio Station, you can watch the video recording by clicking [here](#). I answered questions along with County Executive Jeff Smith about what the County is doing to provide information and protect residents from the transmission of COVID-19.

As always, you can contact my office at 408-299-5030 or email me at dave.cortese@bos.sccgov.org. Thank you for following the guidelines, showing compassion to others and taking care of yourselves and your families.

Sincerely,

Dave Cortese
County Supervisor, Third District



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