COVID-19 Update (March 20, 2020, 3:45 p.m.)

Source:
City of Santa Clara Communications/Emergency Operations Center

Contacts:
Lenka Wright, Director of Communications, 408-615-5515 or lwright@santaclaraca.gov
City of Santa Clara Media Line: 408-615-2181 or communications@santaclaraca.gov

Resources:
Website: SantaClaraCA.gov/CoronavirusUpdates
Follow us on Twitter: @SantaClaraCity

---

This is a summary of the City of Santa Clara’s latest response efforts along with impacts to local events and City programs/services due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) public health emergency.

**Current Developments**

- The City’s supplemental food distribution program for seniors launched successfully this morning, March 20.
  - Thanks to the Santa Clara Firefighters Foundation, Spectra Venue Management and Levy Premium Food Services, the City quickly organized the program.
  - Today, more than 280 weekend meal packages were provided to homebound seniors and individuals, age 60 and older, who participate in the City’s Senior Center Nutrition Program.
  - The catering resources of the City-owned Santa Clara Convention Center is preparing the weekend food packages for seniors.
  - Santa Clara Firefighters Foundation members are volunteering to distribute the meals to seniors on Fridays. If members of the public are interested in volunteering opportunities for the COVID-19 response, visit the Firefighters Foundation website for more information.

- On Thursday, March 19, Governor Gavin Newsom issued an executive order, effective immediately, requiring all Californians to stay at home, except as necessary to maintain or access critical systems and services. View more details about the Governor’s order.
The County of Santa Clara Public Health Officer’s March 16, 2020 order remains in effect. County Public Health Officer Dr. Sara Cody urges the public to stay home when sick and away from others. For Coronavirus Frequently Asked Questions, visit the County Public Health Department website.

Meetings

The City Council will meet on Tuesday, March 24 at 2 p.m. for a special Council meeting, followed by the Santa Clara Stadium Authority meeting at 4:30 p.m. The meeting set-up is in line with the recommendations of the COVID-19 White House Task Force, which notes no more than 10 people gatherings.

The City Cafeteria has been set-up to accommodate up to 10 people at a time and public comment will be given from that location.

As usual, the public can view meetings on SantaClaraCA.gov, Santa Clara City Television (Comcast cable channel 15 or AT&T U-verse channel 99), or the livestream on the City’s YouTube channel or Facebook page.

As of March 11, 2020, the City’s Emergency Operations Center (EOC) has partially activated to increase our ability to maintain situational awareness and coordinate public information for this rapidly evolving situation.

Subscribe to the City News eNotification list to receive the latest updates on this public health emergency.