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COVID-19 Update (March 23, 2020, 5 p.m.)

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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

- Earlier today, March 23, City Manager Deanna J. Santana and Emergency Services Manager Lisa Schoenthal met with State of California and County of Santa Clara officials at the City-owned Santa Clara Convention Center as the site gets assessed and potentially prepared as a temporary Federal Medical Station (FMS).
 - On Saturday, March 21, early preparations began for the FMS to be set up inside the Convention Center to care for up to 250 people.
 - According to the County of Santa Clara, this effort will build capacity in preparation for a potential increase in demands on our healthcare system as COVID-19 cases rise.
 - Provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Office of Public Health Preparedness and Response, an FMS provides beds, supplies and medicines for short-term, sub-acute care.
 - For more details, view the [County's statement](#).
- A City of Santa Clara Reference Line is now available for residents who may have questions about City services and programs during the COVID-19 emergency response as well as those concerning general library reference and circulation.



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- The City Reference Line is available 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Monday - Friday, by calling 408-615-2900.
- The public can also send questions via email anytime to librarians@santaclaraca.gov or visit the Santa Clara City Library website, SCLibrary.org.
- For coronavirus-specific questions, the public is encouraged to visit the County Public Health Department website, www.sccphd.org/coronavirus, or contact the County's Public Call Center by calling 2-1-1 or texting the word "coronavirus" to 211211 and following the prompts provided.
- Effective 7 p.m. Friday, March 20, all City playgrounds are closed. Parks and trails remain open. When using parks and trails, the public is urged to practice social distancing by maintaining at least six feet of distance from others who are not part of one's household.

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. in Council Chambers, 1500 Warburton Ave.

With the heightened "Stay at Home" order by the State and the continued order by the County, the Mayor will be present for the meeting with Councilmembers calling in. A limited number of staff will also be present. 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.

However, we encourage residents to stay at home and provide public comment:

- Via the City's [eComment section](#)
- Via email to PublicComment@santaclaraca.gov

As usual, the public can view the 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](#).



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City Programs and Services

Water & Sewer Utilities

- Due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), there are NO impacts to the safety of your drinking water nor to the drinking water supplies provided to Santa Clara residents and businesses.
- The City continues to work with regional partners, including its water wholesale providers, as well as County, State and Federal agencies, to monitor the emerging public health crisis.
- City staff will continue to conduct regular water quality monitoring to ensure the City's water supply continues to meet all State and Federal standards for drinking water.
- Water & Sewer Utilities continues to maintain the drinking water supply and wastewater services.

Senior Nutrition Program

- The Santa Clara Senior Center will continue to provide the Senior Nutrition Program to seniors, age 60 years and over, Monday - Friday by reservation.
 - From 11 a.m.-12 p.m., meals will be distributed in a drive-thru fashion by entering the Senior Center's rear parking lot on Harrison Street,
 - Reservations are required by 12 p.m. the day before the meal is desired from the Senior Nutrition Program.
- The City's Santa Clara Convention Center catering resources is preparing weekend food packages for distribution to seniors and the unhoused.
 - These packages, consisting of two breakfasts and two lunches, will be delivered by members of the Santa Clara Firefighters Foundation to homebound seniors. They'll also be available for pick up for seniors who regularly participate in the Senior Nutrition Program.
 - Weekend meals package reservations are required by Wednesday at 5 p.m. for Friday delivery or drive-thru pick up.
- For both the M-F and weekend meal programs, call 408-615-3170 for reservations or questions.



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The City's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) remains partially activated to increase our ability to maintain situational awareness, manage resources, and coordinate public information for this rapidly evolving situation. The EOC has been partially activated since March 11, 2020.

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