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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

- As of Tuesday, March 25, the City's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is now fully activated to increase our ability to maintain situational awareness, manage resources, and coordinate public information for this rapidly evolving situation.
 - The EOC became partially activated on March 11, 2020.
- School closures have been extended through May 1, 2020 to help prevent the further spread of COVID-19.
 - The Santa Clara County Office of Education stated, "Education will continue through flexible learning, meals will continue to be provided and, where possible, childcare may be arranged."
 - View the [SCCOE news release](#).
- At the Tuesday, March 24 special meeting, the City Council unanimously approved an urgency ordinance to prevent evictions for residential tenants who are experiencing the loss of income due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Mayor Lisa M. Gillmor, who's a landlord, abstained from the vote.
 - The ordinance is in effect immediately and will expire on May 8, 2020 unless extended by the City Council.



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- Affected tenants will have to provide proof that they suffered substantial loss of income due to COVID-19 in order to receive eviction protections under the moratorium
- In addition to the urgency ordinance, the Council adopted an ordinance that would be effective May 7, 2020. The regular ordinance will expire on August 5, 2020.
- For more details about the urgency ordinance, view the [agenda item](#).
- Also, at Tuesday's special meeting, the Council directed the development of a COVID-19 Small Business Relief program for consideration in the near future.
 - The State's and County's "Stay-at-Home" order, along with directing all businesses and governmental agencies to cease non-essential operations, is impacting the financial health of many small businesses.
 - The Council has approved the allocation of \$250,000 for this relief program for small businesses located in Santa Clara and directed staff to return to the April 7 Council meeting with a program for Council consideration.
- On Thursday, March 26, the City is partnering with Santa Clara Unified School District to supplement their school meals program by distributing breakfast and lunch bags for the weekend. The supplemental program is possible, thanks to assistance from the School District, Spectra Venue Management and Levy Premium Food Services.
 - The Healthy Meals Santa Clara temporary program is for kids who live in Santa Clara and are currently signed up for the school lunch program.
 - The distribution on Thursdays will take place from 2-3:30 p.m. at the following locations:
 - Cabrillo Middle School, 2550 Cabrillo Ave.
 - Don Callejon School, 4176 Lick Mill Blvd.
 - Wilcox High School, 3250 Monroe St.
 - Santa Clara Senior Center, 1303 Fremont St.
 - For everyone's safety, please follow the traffic cones and staff instructions on site.
 - Remember, County Public Health's COVID-19 social distancing protocols are in effect.
 - For details, view the flyer in [English](#) and in [Spanish](#).



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- The County of Santa Clara Public Health Department issued a statement on Monday, March 24, concerning plans for the Federal Medical Station that's being assessed for the Santa Clara Convention Center.
 - According to the County Public Health Department, "Plans for the Federal Medical Station (FMS) at the City of Santa Clara Convention Center have been adjusted. The FMS will serve less-acute COVID-19 cases and provide increased capacity for our healthcare system."
 - The FMS is expected to open in the next week or two.
 - View [County Public Health's statement](#).

Donations

- Silicon Valley Community Foundation has established three funds to provide assistance to residents, small businesses and nonprofit organizations, within Santa Clara County, that are impacted by COVID-19.
 - For more information on how to donate, visit [SVCF's COVID-19 Regional Response Fund](#).

Meetings

The City Council will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, March 31. The only scheduled item for that meeting is an update on COVID-19.

- The Council also approved changing dates for upcoming meeting in April. The April 14 meeting is now rescheduled for April 7 and the April 21 meeting is rescheduled for April 28.

City Programs and Services

Silicon Valley Power

- Silicon Valley Power will not shut off service due to non-payment. This applies to both residential and commercial customers and will remain in effect during this public health emergency.
- All planned outages have been suspended during this health emergency as well.

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