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COVID-19 Update (April 1, 2020, 2 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, Governor Gavin Newsom confirmed that schools in California won't open by the end of the academic year.
 - Gov. Newsom stressed that education will continue through distance learning.
 - For more information about Santa Clara public schools, visit the [Santa Clara Unified School District website](#).
- The City's [Healthy Meals Santa Clara](#) program returns tomorrow, April 2, to distribute free weekend meal packages for approximately 2,000 children at four locations in Santa Clara.
 - Distribution is taking place every Thursday, 2-3:30 p.m., at the following locations until further notice:
 - 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.
 - The Healthy Meals Santa Clara temporary program is open to all kids who live in Santa Clara to ensure no child goes hungry in our community.



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- The meal distribution program is possible, thanks to partnerships with the Santa Clara Unified School District, Spectra Venue Management, Levy Premium Food along with the support of our nonprofit partner, Mission City Community Fund.
- View the flyer in [English](#) and in [Spanish](#).
- Under the County of Santa Clara's latest Stay-at-Home order that's in effect through May 3, essential businesses are required to post a sanitation and social distancing plan in a public place.
 - The template for the business protocol is available on the [City's COVID-19 Business Resources webpage](#) in English, Chinese, Spanish and Vietnamese.
 - For more information, visit the County of Santa Clara Public Health Department's website, <http://www.sccphd.org/coronavirus>.
- Today is Census Day. This means that the 2020 Census is officially underway.
 - Each household should have received an invitation to fill out the Census in one of three ways: online, by phone or by mail.
 - You should count yourself at the place where you are living and sleeping most of the time as of April 1, 2020.
 - Fill out your 2020 Census now at my2020census.gov or by calling 844-330-2020 and be counted!
 - For additional information, visit SantaClaraCA.gov/Census2020.

City Programs and Services

Department of Public Works

- Due to the County's order, most construction is prohibited except for projects immediately necessary to the maintenance, operation, or repair of essential infrastructure. As a result, construction has been put on hold for the following City projects: Reed & Grant Streets Sports Park and the Machado Park Playground.

Water & Sewer Utilities

- The coronavirus has no impact on the City's ability to provide safe drinking water supply.



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- 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.
- There are no impacts to the drinking water supplies provided to Santa Clara residents and businesses.
- [Wipes clog pipes](#): the public is reminded to throw away disinfecting wipes and paper towels in the trash. Do not flush them down the toilet.
 - Water & Sewer Utilities is continuing to see an increase in clogged pipes which can cause in-home sewer backups and blockages.
 - Even wipes labeled “flushable” will clog pipes and interfere with sewage collection and treatment.
 - Don't discard wipes in the toilet, but instead throw them in the trash to avoid backups and overflow.

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