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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

- Today’s Healthy Meals Santa Clara weekend meals distribution program was a big hit with the community, serving approximately 2,000 children. For more details about the program, visit www.SantaClaraCA.gov/HealthyMealsSantaClara.

- Tomorrow, April 3, is the due date for essential businesses to have social distancing protocols established.
  - Per the County of Santa Clara’s latest Shelter-in-Place order, essential businesses are required to develop, implement and post their official social distancing protocol by Friday, April 3.
  - Essential businesses must also provide a copy of their Social Distancing Protocol to all employees and provide evidence of its implementation to any authority enforcing the order.
  - The County developed a social distancing protocol template that these businesses should use. View in English, Chinese, Spanish, and Vietnamese.
  - For more information, visit the County Public Health Department website, http://www.sccphd.org/coronavirus.
Today, Governor Newsom announced a one-stop resource for Californians impacted by job loss during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The website is OnwardCA, Onwardca.org.
- The OnwardCA Coalition is an initiative of companies, foundations and people to get California workers displaced by COVID-19 essential life services and back to work as quickly as possible.

This week, Gov. Newsom also launched a campaign focused on California residents, age 65 and over, called “Stay Home. Save Lives. Check In.”
- There is rising concern about social isolation and food insecurity among older Californians who are uniquely vulnerable to COVID-19.
- The campaign urges all Californians to check in on their older neighbors with a call, text, or physically distanced door knock.
- The state, in partnership with AARP, will also send a mailer to residents aged 65 and older with useful resources and information to help adapt to the stay at home order.

For Californians who have questions or need assistance during the COVID-19 crisis, there is now a new statewide hotline, 833-544-2374.
- The statewide hotline is being operated in coordination with the local 2-1-1 systems.

City Programs and Services

Senior Nutrition Program

- Due to the upcoming Spring Holiday (April 10), seniors who would like to reserve weekend meals package must place their request by 5 p.m. Monday, April 6. Delivery or drive-thru pick up will take place on Thursday, April 9, instead of Friday. This is a one-time scheduling change due to the holiday.
- To reserve the weekend meals, call the Santa Clara Senior Center at 408-615-3170.
- Because of the holiday schedule, the weekend packages for next week only will consist of three breakfasts and three lunches. The meals will be delivered by members of the Santa Clara Firefighters Foundation to homebound seniors. They’ll also be available for drive-thru pick up for seniors who regularly participate in the Senior Nutrition Program.
- The weekend to-go meals are for Santa Clara city residents, age 60 and over.

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