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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

- The Santa Clara County Health Officer, Dr. Sara Cody, issued a [new order](#) today, requiring all entities and individuals in the county to disclose, on a one-time basis, any large inventories of personal protect equipment (PPE) and ventilators.
 - According to the County, the goal of this order is to know what supplies currently exist in the county, appropriately plan for a potential hospital surge, and to ensure the health and safety of frontline medical workers and patients.
 - The order only requires entities and individuals to provide a count of PPE or ventilators in their possession. Donations are not required. However, donations of new sealed PPE or ventilators in any condition can be made through [VMC Foundation](#).
 - The County said reporting is due by 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, April 15, 2020 via an online survey. For more information, including what items must be reported, visit the [County Public Health Department's website](#).
- At the Wednesday, April 8, 2020 special meeting, the City Council approved the creation of a [Small Business Assistance Grant Program](#) and committed up to \$500,000 in one-time funds.



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- The program will offer grants of up to \$5,000 or \$10,000 for qualified independently owned and operated small businesses, located in Santa Clara, with at least one and no more than 25-full-time employees.
 - Franchises and chains (national or local with three or more locations) or operations restricted to patrons above the age of 18 will not be eligible for the grant program.
 - The grants will be awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis for qualified applicants.
 - Applications will be available starting the week of April 13, 2020.
 - More details, including the application and funding process, will be provided on SantaClaraCA.gov in the coming days.
- At the Tuesday, April 7, 2020 meeting, the Council took additional action concerning the residential eviction moratorium in Santa Clara.
 - While an urgency ordinance remains in effect until May 8, 2020, the Council moved forward on a regular ordinance that would align the eviction moratorium's date with Governor Newsom's executive order for a statewide eviction moratorium and the County of Santa Clara's recent eviction moratorium. The City's ordinance also aligns with the County's ordinance for the period in which past rent may be recovered.
 - The adoption of the City of Santa Clara's regular ordinance is proposed for April 28, 2020. If adopted, the ordinance would go into effect on May 28, 2020 and last through June 27, 2020 which may be extended by resolution for 30-day periods.
 - In the meantime, an eviction freeze is in place for those suffering income loss due to COVID-19.
 - The moratorium only applies to residential evictions for nonpayment of rent and no-fault evictions due to coronavirus-related impacts.
 - The moratorium does not waive the payment of rent.
 - For more information, visit the [COVID-19 Eviction Moratorium webpage](#).

City Programs and Services

Santa Clara City Library

- The Santa Clara City Library has expanded its online programming and resources for adults as well as for parents who are helping their school-age children transition to learning at home.
- These offerings include:



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- A webinar by [Clutter Free](#) author Kathi Lipp at 8 p.m. Thursday, April 9, about how to have freedom from clutter. For more information including how to watch the online session, visit the [Library's event calendar](#).
- Some easy guides for parents to connect with resources online, <https://www.sclibrary.org/home/showdocument?id=67097>.
- Since the County's Shelter-in-Place order went into effect on March 17, the Library has issued 319 online cards.
- To access all of the Library's online resources, Santa Clara residents can sign up for a library card online, <https://sccl.santaclaraca.gov/selfreg~S0>.

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