COVID-19 Update (April 13, 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

- Changes are now in effect for residential curbside collection service for recycling.
  - As of Monday, April 13, Recology South Bay will no longer collect material outside of residents’ recycling carts. This change includes extra cardboard, fluorescent bulbs, used motor oil and used motor oil filters.
  - This change is due to updated coronavirus-related health and safety directives in the handling of extra material during solid waste collection services.
  - Residents should follow these guidelines:
    - Cut up large recycling material, such as cardboard, to fit inside the recycling cart.
    - Store all other materials, such as fluorescent bulbs, used motor oil and used motor oil filters, until regular services resume.
    - To assist the City’s service providers in additional safety measures and to minimize contact of carts, please ensure all carts are 18” to 21” apart when possible.
  - For questions, contact Recology South Bay at 408-970-5100.
The City produced a video about how the senior nutrition program has been expanded to distribute weekend meals-to-go to adults, age 60 and up, due to the public health emergency. View the video.

- You can donate to the supplemental meals program for both seniors and children through the City’s nonprofit partner, Mission City Community Fund. For more details, visit MCCF online.

On Thursday, April 9, the County of Santa Clara Public Health Department expanded its COVID-19 Data Dashboard with new details, including confirmed COVID-19 cases by city and the number of deaths broken down by race/ethnicity.

- For the city of Santa Clara, there are 72 confirmed COVID-19 cases, as of 5 p.m. Sunday, April 12, 2020.
- County Public Health Officer Dr. Sara Cody emphasized that “with various levels of testing in different communities, the city-level data do not necessarily represent the level of spread in these cities.” Dr. Cody added that the community must behave as if the virus is everywhere.

City Programs and Services

Street Sweeping

- Residential street sweeping is now taking place at least once every two weeks.

Annual Cleanup Campaign

- As a reminder, the City’s annual Cleanup Campaign, originally planned for April 27-May 22, 2020, is canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Staff is evaluating whether the four-week program can be rescheduled for August or September this year.

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