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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

- Starting 10 a.m. Friday, April 17, the City began accepting applications for Small Business Assistance grants from small businesses and nonprofits located in Santa Clara.
  - As of 3 p.m. today, more than 250 businesses have applied for grants that will be awarded in amounts of $5,000 for an essential business or $10,000 for non-essential business, as defined by the County of Santa Clara’s Shelter in Place order.
  - Up to $500,000 total is available in City grant funding.
  - Small business assistance grants will be awarded to qualified applicants in a first come, first serve basis.
  - For more information, including how to apply for a grant, visit SantaClaraCA.gov/SmallBusinessGrant.

- On Thursday, April 16, Governor Gavin Newsom signed an executive order to support California workers of large employers in the food industry with two weeks of paid sick leave.
  - These benefits apply to workers in the food sector, including farmworkers, agricultural workers, grocery store employees, fast food chain employees and delivery drivers, who are subject to a quarantine or isolation order or medical directive.
For more information, view the news release.

- The Governor’s Office, the California Department of Aging, and AARP CA partnered to launch the California For All resource card.
  - The free, one-stop information guide includes details on how to get caregiving support, how to stay safe at home, and how to find important resources through the California Aging and Adults Information line. There are also contacts to report fraud, abuse, or neglect and more.
  - AARP California is mailing the card to all its members, and the Department of Aging will also be sending it to thousands of Californians, 65 and older.
  - The resource card can be downloaded in English and in Spanish. A Chinese language card will be available online soon.

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