COVID-19 Update (April 20, 2020, 4 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

- Today, April 20, the City is continuing to process hundreds of applications from Santa Clara small businesses and nonprofits after the Small Business Assistance Grant program officially began accepting applications last Friday.
  - The City began accepting applications from small businesses impacted by COVID-19 as of 10:00 am on Friday, April 17.
  - Applications are being reviewed in the order received. Grants will be awarded in $5,000 or $10,000 increments, on a first come, first served basis to eligible applicants.
  - Because of the high volume of applicants, the City expects that the $500,000 currently available in grant funding will be exhausted. Notifications of grant award will be made to applicants, on a rolling basis, beginning Wednesday, April 22.
  - Since there’s not enough grant funding available to meet the small business need, the City hopes to announce a future round of small business assistance grants which will be dependent on funding from the private sector.

- The County of Santa Clara Department of Public Health is urging the community to wear face coverings when in public.
County public health officials point out that people may be infected with the novel coronavirus but show no symptoms. Wearing a face covering can reduce the chance that someone who is asymptomatic will spread the infection to others.

All individuals are strongly encouraged to cover their nose and mouth with a face covering, such as a bandana, scarf, towel or other piece of clothing or fabric, when leaving home.

Read the full guidance from County Public Health.

For simple tips on how to make your own face covering, watch this video from the U.S. Surgeon General, Dr. Jerome Adams.

- Levi’s® Stadium will glow in purple tonight, April 20.
  - The stadium is turning its lights purple Monday night in honor of Bay Area hospitality workers.
  - The lights will change at 8 p.m. at the stadium, located at 4900 Marie P. DeBartolo Way in Santa Clara.

Meetings

The Planning Commission will hold its next meeting at 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 22. View the agenda.

- Consistent with the Governor’s executive order and the Santa Clara County Health Officer’s March 31, 2020 Shelter in Place order, planning commissioners will teleconference from remote locations. A limited number of staff will be present.
- The meeting set-up is in accordance with the recommendations of the COVID-19 White House Task Force, which notes no more than 10 people in gatherings.
- The City Cafeteria has been set up to accommodate up to 10 people at a time and public comment will be given from that location.
- However, we encourage residents to stay at home and provide public comment:
  - Via the City’s eComment section (available before and during the meeting)
  - Via email to planning@santaclaraca.gov.
- As usual, the public can view the meeting on SantaClaraCA.gov, Santa Clara City Television (Comcast cable channel 15 or AT&T U-verse channel 99), or the livestream on the City’s YouTube channel or Facebook page.

The City Council will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, April 28 starting at 2 p.m.
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