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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 County of Santa Clara joined six other Bay Area jurisdictions – the counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco and San Mateo as well as the City of Berkeley - in extending the regional Shelter-in-Place order through May 31, 2020 with some rules eased.
  - Under the new Shelter-in-Place order which goes into effect Monday, May 4, the public will continue to shelter-in-place and only leave their residence to perform essential activities, such as seeking medical care or purchasing groceries.
  - Per County officials, the new order will allow all construction activities, certain businesses that operate primarily outdoors, and some outdoor activities to resume with specific conditions.
  - Here’s an overview of the new order:
    - All construction projects will be allowed to resume as long as the project complies with safety protocols included with the order.
    - Certain outdoor businesses can also begin operating again, and people can visit those businesses to perform work or obtain goods, services, or supplies. This includes wholesale and retail nurseries, landscapers, gardeners, and other businesses that primarily provide outdoor services as set forth in the order.
Other activities include residential moves and the use of certain shared outdoor recreational facilities, like skate parks and athletic fields, but not others that involve shared equipment or physical contact.

The order also allows children to gather in stable groups of 12 or fewer within childcare establishments, summer camps, and other educational or recreational institutions or programs that allow for essential workers to work as allowed under the order.

- The City of Santa Clara is evaluating the new County order and will provide an update on how it may allow for the re-opening of a few City programs and services.
- For more information, view the County’s news release and the Order of the Health Officer of the County of Santa Clara.

The second round of COVID-19 relief Small Business Assistance Grant Program funding is coming to small businesses and nonprofits in Santa Clara.

- By Wednesday, April 29, the City had awarded grants to 65 small businesses and nonprofits, totaling $460,000 out of the $800,000 that's currently available.
- The City hopes additional funds might be available through private donations. View the list of grant recipients to date.
- The City is continuing to accept grant applications which MUST BE submitted via email to smallbusiness@santaclaraca.gov.
- For more details, read the news release.

City Programs and Services

Healthy Meals Santa Clara

- Tomorrow, Thursday, April 30, marks the sixth week that the City kicked off its supplemental weekend meals program for children as part of the COVID-19 emergency response.
  - The Healthy Meals Santa Clara program provides approximately 9,700 weekend meals to youth on a weekly basis.
  - The supplemental program is possible, thanks to assistance from the School District, Spectra Venue Management, Levy Premium Food Services, Intel and California’s Great America.
  - In addition to the program for Santa Clara youth, the City is also providing daily meal service to over 150 seniors through its senior nutrition “grab and go” program and over 1,000 meals through its weekend supplemental weekend program.
To help support these programs, consider making a donation through the City’s nonprofit partner, the Mission City Community Fund.

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