COVID-19 Update (May 21, 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**

- For the Memorial Day holiday, the City is providing special visitation hours at Mission City Memorial Park (MCMP).  
  o On Monday, May 25, MCMP will be open from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. for Memorial Day visitation.  
  o In compliance with the County of Santa Clara’s Public Health Order, the City will manage the total number of visitors allowed at one time in MCMP (to 100) to reduce crowding and risk of virus transmission.  
  o Visitors are required to wear face covering and abide by social distancing of at least six feet from others who are not part of one’s household.  
  o Vehicle and pedestrian access will be limited to the Dolores Avenue entrance where visitors will be greeted by staff at the gate and provided with cemetery rules. Staff will monitor social distancing inside park.  
  o For more information about the City-owned cemetery, visit the City website.

- The Santa Clara County Behavioral Health Services Department is organizing two specialized virtual town hall meeting to address COVID-related stress, anxiety and other mental health issues.  
  o A “Town Hall in Punjabi” will be held on Thursday, May 21 at 6 p.m. Participants can register at http://bit.ly/punjabitownhall.
A “Town Hall in Vietnamese” will be held on Thursday, May 27 at 6 p.m. Participants can register at http://bit.ly/vvtownhall.

- There’s an updated hotline number for immigrants who are seeking disaster relief assistance.
  - Now through June 30, Santa Clara County residents can apply to Catholic Charities for the Disaster Relief Assistance for Immigrants Program.
  - The program provides one-time, state-funded disaster relief assistance to adult undocumented immigrant adults who are ineligible for other forms of federal assistance.
  - An undocumented adult who qualifies will receive $500 of direct cash assistance (maximum of $1,000 per household), provided on a first come, first serve basis.
  - Applicants can call the new hotline at 415-324-1011.
  - More information is available on the Catholic Charities website.

Meetings

The City Council will hold its next meeting at 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 26, 2020. The Council will first go into closed session with the regular session following immediately after.

- Pursuant to the provisions of California Governor’s Executive Order N-29-20, issued on March 17, 2020, to prevent the spread of COVID-19, the City of Santa Clara has implemented methods for the public to participate remotely:
  - Via Zoom:
    - Meeting ID: 997-0675-9306
    - Joining via computer, visit https://zoom.us/join
      - To address the Council on an agenda item, click “raise hand.”
    - Joining via phone: 1-669-900-6833
      - To address the Council on an agenda item, hit *9 on the phone.
  - Via the City’s eComment (available during the meeting)
  - Via email to PublicComment@santaclaraca.gov
- For individuals who do not have the above access, 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.
- With the heightened “Stay at Home” order by the State and the continued order by the County, the Mayor will be present for the meeting with Councilmembers and department heads participating remotely. A limited number of staff will also be present. The meeting set-up is in line with the recommendations of the COVID-19 White House Task Force, which notes no more than 10 people gatherings.
As usual, the public can view the meetings 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.

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