



City of Santa Clara

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COVID-19 Update (May 22, 2020, 2 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

- As the Memorial Day holiday weekend arrives, the public is reminded to follow the [County of Santa Clara's latest public health order](#) that went into effect Friday, May 22:
 - Wear a face covering while in public
 - This is required when entering a business.
 - Practice physical distancing
 - Six feet is a minimum. More is better.
 - Get tested.
 - Visit sccfreetest.org for locations and guidance.

- It's easier than ever before for residents to find free testing for COVID-19.
 - Through sccfreetest.org, residents can choose testing sites based on whether they have a primary care doctor or if they need to use one of the community testing sites.
 - The County of Santa Clara stresses that testing is 100% covered by health insurance, safe and confidential, and free.
 - Testing does not affect immigration status, does not require a doctor's note and does not require insurance.
 - All frontline workers, who regularly interact with members of the public, are highly encouraged to get tested once a month, including grocery, restaurant, healthcare, construction, transit, public safety, and other employees.

- All residents with symptoms, and anyone without symptoms who has been exposed to someone who was confirmed to have COVID-19, should also be tested.
- Are you interested in helping with the response to this public health emergency? Consider volunteering with the County of Santa Clara to assist with [contact tracing](#) which is designed to identify people who have COVID-19 or who have been exposed to the virus.
 - According to the County, the volunteer work can be done from home as long as volunteers have reliable internet, access to a computer and a place to make private phone calls.
 - Volunteer team members will interview cases, call potential contacts, enter and manage data, and identify resources needed to ensure appropriate follow up and compliance with isolation and quarantine.
 - For more information about volunteering and how to apply, visit www.sccgov.org/icanhelp.

Latest Changes for Upcoming Events

- As our community continues to shelter in place to slow the spread of COVID-19, residents are encouraged to celebrate Memorial Day with members of their immediate household or host a virtual gathering with friends and family.
 - Another way to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice to protect our freedom is to donate to local and national veteran charities.
- In observance of the Memorial Day holiday, City administrative offices are closed Monday, May 25. Emergency services will continue.

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. View [agenda](#).

- 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](#).

** Due to the City holiday, the next COVID-19 Update will publish on Tuesday, May 26, 2020.*

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