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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

• Get ready for more outdoor dining options in Santa Clara.
  o At the Tuesday, June 9 meeting, the City Council passed a resolution to support outdoor dining at local restaurants.
  o While outdoor dining is already allowed by right in some parts of the city, all legally established restaurants may now benefit from a free, streamlined permitting process.
  o The City will review proposed outdoor dining proposals to make sure they conform with requirements for emergency egress, handicap accessibility and other basic requirements, and issue a permit based upon that review.
  o The outdoor dining application is available online the Community Development Department website.
    ▪ Individuals can submit the completed application(s) via email to Planning@santaclaraca.gov.
    ▪ For questions, email Planning@santaclaraca.gov or call 408-615-2450.

• As allowable businesses begin to reopen under the County of Santa Clara’s Shelter-in-Place order, the City’s Water & Sewer Utilities reminds businesses to check systems that may not have been used due to being unoccupied for an extended period of time.
Buildings that have been vacant during the public health order may have built up stagnant water in their interior plumbing.

Water & Sewer Utilities staff have continued to diligently conduct routine and regular flushing operations and water quality sampling throughout the City to ensure that we are delivering healthy, high quality water.

For more information about guidelines for performing proper water system flushing and cleaning, visit the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency website and the City’s Water & Sewer Utilities website.

- Starting Thursday, June 11, the California Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV) is reopening its remaining field offices that were temporarily closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
  - With this phase of reopening, DMV employees at 169 field offices will assist customers with current appointments at the specific office and limit transactions that require an in-person visit.
  - Behind-the-wheel drive tests are not yet available, and the DMV continues to recommend that customers use its online services.
  - For more details, read the DMV news release.

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