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## COVID-19 Update (July 6, 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

- According to County of Santa Clara officials, over the holiday weekend, the State of California issued an initial rejection of the County's variance application for issuing a new public health order.
  - In addition, there was enforcement by the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control in South County in which some restaurants were given warnings for having outdoor dining which reportedly is not allowed by the State in Santa Clara County.
  - On Thursday, July 2, County Public Health Officer Dr. Sara Cody announced a [new order](#) that would have allowed some activities to resume including hair and nail services, gyms, and small gatherings, but only with strict social distancing protocols in place, consistent use of face coverings, and significant capacity limits.
    - The new order would have gone into effect no sooner than July 13 if the State had approved the County's application.
    - At this time, the County said they are still having conversations with the State to obtain an approved variance that would allow outdoor dining as well as activities identified in the new order announced on July 2.
  - On Monday, July 6, Governor Gavin Newsom announced that Santa Clara County is no longer on the State's county monitoring list for

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- Last week in a [video](#), Mayor Lisa M. Gillmor announced the launch of an Energy Efficiency Grant Program to help Santa Clara small businesses impacted by COVID-19.
  - The grants will assist eligible small businesses in reducing their electric utility bills by helping fund energy efficiency upgrades.
  - For more information including how to apply, visit [SiliconValleyPower.com/BusinessRebates](https://SiliconValleyPower.com/BusinessRebates).

## **Meetings**

The City Council will hold its next meeting at 1 p.m. Tuesday, July 7, 2020. The Council will first go into closed session with the regular session following immediately after. View the [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://santaclaraca.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](mailto: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](https://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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