COVID-19 Update (July 13, 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

- The County of Santa Clara’s new Risk Reduction Health Order is now in effect, as of Monday, July 13.
  - The new order puts in place long-term, across-the-board risk reduction measures.
    - It allows additional activities such as hair and nail services, gyms, and outdoor gatherings of up to 60 people to resume, but it requires strict social distancing protocols, consistent use of face coverings and significant capacity limits for those activities to occur.
  - County officials point out that the mandatory directive for Gatherings has been updated in light of the recent uptick in COVID-19 cases and hospitalization.
    - The original order would have allowed indoor gatherings of up to 20. However, the new directive on gatherings prohibits all indoor gatherings.
    - The order still allows outdoor gatherings of up to 60 people, following social distancing guidelines.
  - With the new order, County Public Health recommends the following:
    - Residents should continue to stay at home and minimize interactions with people outside our own households as much as possible.
Residents age 70 and older, as well as other vulnerable individuals, should only go out for essential needs.

Under the new public health order, all businesses, including those currently open, are required to submit updated Social Distancing Protocols to operate.

- Instructions for how to submit a Social Distancing Protocol are available on the County website, www.covid19prepared.org.
- For assistance, businesses can also contact the County's COVID-19 Business Call Center at 408-961-5500.
- For more details, view these County reference documents:
  - COVID-19 Requirements for All Businesses
  - COVID-19 What Customers Should See at Businesses in Santa Clara County

Due to increasing COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations in California, Governor Gavin Newsom announced on Monday, July 13, that the State is closing indoor operations statewide for restaurants, wineries, movie theaters and family entertainment, zoos and museums, and cardrooms. Bars must close all operations.

- Governor Newsom also said for the 30 counties that are currently on the State's watch list, they will now be required to close indoor operations for fitness centers, places of worship, offices for non-critical sectors, personal care services, hair salons and barbershops, and malls.
- At this time, Santa Clara County is not on the state's County Monitoring List for COVID-19.

Meetings

The City Council will hold its next meeting at 1 p.m. Tuesday, July 14, 2020. 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
• 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 at 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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