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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**

- Mayor Lisa M. Gillmor recently shared in a video message what the City is doing to help residents and businesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.
  - In addition to implementing a 6-month relief on garbage rates for residents and businesses, the City has fed youth on the weekends, lowered residents’ Silicon Valley Power bill, provided residents with rental assistance to prevent homelessness, and helped small businesses with grants to stay in business until the economy rebounds.
  - For a complete list of the City’s COVID-19 relief programs and community resources, visit SantaClaraCA.gov/SantaClaraResponds.

- The County of Santa Clara Department of Public Health points out that the COVID-19 community testing program, operated by Santa Clara Valley Medical Center (SCVMC), continues to offer drop-in and appointment-based testing at multiple locations across the county.
  - Testing is free and available to anyone, regardless of insurance or immigration status.
  - The County’s large-scale testing site at the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds has expanded its capacity to be able to handle 1,500 appointments per day.
To book an appointment at the fairgrounds or any of the rotating city sites, visit sccfreetest.org and click on the “Schedule an Appointment Today” button at the top of the page.

- Spanish speakers can visit sccfreetest.org/es and click on the “Haga una cita hoy” button.
- SCVMC’s appointment-based testing sites can now provide automated test results via a text message – typically just one to two days after the appointment.
- See information below about the Fairground’s appointment-based testing with drive-through, walk-up and bike access:
  - Santa Clara County Fairgrounds – Lot A – 344 Tully Road, San Jose, parking lot across from Gate B and across from the Blue Arch
  - Tuesdays through Fridays from 12 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
  - Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Appointment-only COVID-19 testing will return to Santa Clara’s Central Park Library on Wednesday, Sept. 23.
  - Starting Sunday, Sept. 20, appointments can be scheduled by visiting https://sci.fulgentgenetics.com/appointment.

City Programs and Services

Unhealthy air quality has resulted in the cancellation of several outdoor City programs.

- Due to smoke from wildfires throughout California, Oregon and Washington causing unhealthy air quality in the Bay Area, the following City programs and services are now canceled through Tuesday, Sept. 15:
  - Library Curbside Pickup & Curbside Walk-up Services Canceled: Library curbside pickup and walk-up services have been canceled through Tuesday, Sept. 15. Walk-up drop box returns are accepted 24 hours a day.
  - Outdoor Recreation Programs Suspended: Outdoor programs and facility operations are canceled through Tuesday, Sept. 15. This includes the International Swim Center (Lap Swim), Athletic Field Permits and Skate Park.

- With the fluctuating air quality, outdoor services may be canceled without prior notice for the safety and health of our community.
- For the latest updates, visit SantaClaraCA.gov/Wildfires.

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