COVID-19 Update (August 31, 2020, 2:30 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.

Due to the Labor Day and Admission Day holidays, the next COVID-19 Update will be released on Monday, Sept. 14, 2020.

Current Developments

- Under the State of California’s new framework, hair salons and barbershops may open indoors with modifications in line with both the State and County of Santa Clara public health protocols, beginning Monday, Aug. 31.
  - Indoor malls, which the State previously closed in Santa Clara County, can also reopen under the State’s new framework, but only at 25% capacity.
  - For more details, view the County’s news release.

- Also beginning Monday, Aug. 31, the County of Santa Clara has a new complaint portal to report public health order violations.
  - The public is now able to report violations and related complaints at www.sccCOVIDconcerns.org.
  - This site will also connect residents and businesses with other resources, including the business call center and the webpages to submit Social Distancing Protocols and positive COVID-19 cases at worksites.
• On Friday, Aug. 28, Governor Gavin Newsom announced California’s Blueprint for a Safer Economy as the next evolution in the state's COVID-19 response.
  o According to the Governor’s Office, every county is now assigned to a color tier based on its rate of new cases & positivity to determine which sectors can operate.
  o Santa Clara County is currently in the purple, or "widespread," county risk level which means many non-essential indoor business operations are closed.
  o For more information about the status of activities in Santa Clara County, visit the State's Safer Economy webpage.

City Programs and Services

Fall Recreation Classes

• The Parks & Recreation Department is excited to offer a variety of recreation classes for fall 2020. Explore the expanded list of online classes available including dance, fitness, sewing, sports and more.
• Classes begin on or after the week of Sept. 14, 2020.
• For online and in person classes, visit SantaClaraCA.gov/RecClasses.

Meetings

The Council will hold its next regular scheduled meeting at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 1. The Council will first go into closed session with the regular session starting at 4:30 p.m. or shortly thereafter. 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:
  o 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.
  o Via the City’s eComment (available during the meeting)
  o 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.

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