COVID-19 Update (September 28, 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.

Current Developments

- In partnership with the County of Santa Clara Department of Public Health, the City is hosting free COVID-19 testing at Central Park Library, 2635 Homestead Road, on Wednesday, Sept. 30.
  o The library location is serving as an appointment-only testing site with appointments available between 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. until all slots are reserved.
  o Anyone can be tested: there are no requirements for testing criteria, insurance, or immigration status.
  o This testing site is not designed to test individuals with symptoms of COVID-19. Individuals with symptoms should contact their healthcare provider for evaluation and testing.
  o Visit sccfreetest.org for additional testing locations in the county.
  o Santa Clara’s Central Park Library will offer more free COVID-19 testing by appointment only on Monday, Oct. 5 and Wednesday, Oct. 14.

- Mayor Lisa M. Gillmor held her first Mayor@Noon live event on the City’s Facebook page last Friday, Sept. 25.
o Mayor@Noon explores what the City is doing to help our community impacted by the pandemic - those struggling financially, our seniors, our kids, small businesses, and so much more.

o Join the Mayor live, participate in the conversation, and submit your questions live on Fridays at noon on the City’s Facebook page.

o The Sept. 25 program featured the City’s Chief Emergency Services Officer Lisa Schoenthal who spoke about the State’s and County’s public health orders and the impact they have on daily life for Santa Clarans.

o Special guests on this week’s program on Friday, Oct. 2 will include a small business assisted by the City’s Small Business Assistance Grant Program and Finance Director Kenn Lee who will speak about COVID-19 impacts on City finances.

o In addition to Facebook, the public can also view Mayor@Noon live at 12 p.m. Fridays by watching Santa Clara City Television (Comcast cable channel 15 or AT&T U-verse channel 99) and the City’s YouTube Channel.

- On Monday, Sept. 28, Bay Area county health officials including from Santa Clara County provided guidance on how to celebrate Halloween and Día de Los Muertos safely and prevent spreading COVID-19 among friends and neighbors.

  o Among the guidance, local health officials highly recommend community members participate in lower risk activities, such as visiting an outdoor pumpkin patch while wearing a mask and maintain distance from others, to celebrate these holidays safely.

  o For more details, view the joint statement of the Bay Area health officers.

Meetings

The City Council will hold a special meeting at 3:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 28. 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
    ▪ Joining via phone: 1-669-900-6833

  o See additional public meeting details below including how to view a meeting live.
The Council will hold its next regular scheduled meeting at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 29. There is no closed session so the regular session will start right away. View the agenda.

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    - 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 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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