

Solano Public Health Weekly COVID-19 Newsletter Issue 2

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Thank you for doing your part in sheltering at home. Doing so reduces the spread of coronavirus in our community and has given us time to prepare our healthcare system in dealing with a potential surge in cases. Let's continue to protect our community by staying home, maintaining 6-foot distance between others, washing our hands frequently, and using a cloth face covering when out in public settings.

Coronavirus Dashboard

	California	Solano	Hospital Impact in Solano County	
COVID-19 Cases	37,369	191	Currently Hospitalized	9
Total Deaths	1,469	4	ICU Capacity	MODERATE
Lab Tests	482,097	2,584	Available Ventilators	GOOD

Source: California Dept. of Public Health COVID-19 Dashboard, Solano Public Health COVID-19 Dashboard as of April 23, 2020

As of April 23, 2020, Solano County has had 191 total confirmed cases reported, with 49 total hospitalizations, 17 active cases, and 9 current hospitalizations. Most local COVID-19 cases are in Vallejo, Fairfield, and Vacaville, which are the most populated cities in Solano County. An indicator to look at on whether there is an increase in community transmissions in Solano County is the number of COVID-19 cases requiring hospitalizations. We have not seen a dramatic increase in hospitalizations, which means that we are staying within our hospitals' capacity to care for those who get the severe COVID-19 illness.

The dashboard also now features an equity story map in both English and Spanish as tabs in the top left side. Our goal with the equity story map is to identify areas and populations most impacted by this crisis and to help ensure that our response is inclusive, equitable and beneficial to all Solano County residents. We invite our partners to find ways in focusing resources to areas in more need to ensure everyone remains healthy and safe. The [**Solano County COVID-19 Dashboard**](#) is updated weekdays at 4:30PM.

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Solano County Coronavirus Response

Solano Public Health continues to monitor the situation in Solano County to ensure the safety of community members. We are continuing to plan and prepare for how our County will reopen safely, in line with the Governor's 6-point plan.

Drive-through Testing

The drive-through testing site is now at 2101 Courage Drive, Fairfield and has expanded testing to include those at higher risk for severe COVID-19 disease, including symptomatic individuals 65 years old, are immune-compromised, or have chronic health conditions. Testing is free and by appointment only. To make an appointment, call **707-784-8655** for more information. The appointment line is open Monday-Friday from 9am-4:30pm.

Face Coverings

in line with the Governor and California Department of Public Health, **Solano Public Health strongly recommends the use of face coverings when out in public settings.**

The data shows that the collective actions our community has taken so far have kept Solano safer. Solano County has lower numbers than the majority of our surrounding counties and we are proud of the individual responsibility each and every one of you is taking. If face coverings are required, vulnerable populations may be negatively affected because of problems in accessing multiple face coverings or not being able to maintain these coverings.

- Please [follow these guidelines](#) to have a cloth face covering where you may come in contact with people outside your household.
- There is no need to wear a face covering when at home or when you are outdoors by yourself or with people in your household where 6-foot distance can be maintained.
- Masking is **not** recommended for young children under 2 years old as it may be a suffocation risk.
- Older children who can keep a face covering may choose to do so.

Solano Public Health in the News

NPR Interview: COVID-19 Testing in Solano County

[Listen in](#) on Insights with Beth Ruyak as she interviews County Health Officer Dr. Bela Matyas, about the state of COVID-19 testing in Solano County and the drive-through testing site in Fairfield.

Vacaville Reporter: Solano Public Health recommends face coverings

[Read](#) about Solano Public Health's recommendation on wearing cloth face coverings.



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Additional Resources

Child Abuse and Family Violence Prevention Resources

This month is Child Abuse Prevention Month. This pandemic has created so much anxiety and worries among many families, and when there's high stress, the risk for children being abused or neglected goes higher. The following are resources available for families:

- To report suspected child abuse or neglect:
 - Call Child Welfare Services (24/7): **1-800-544-8696**
- For family violence prevention and resources
 - Call Family Justice Center: **707-784-7635** (office hours M-F)
 - After Hours Crisis Line: **707-820-7288**

California Poison Control

There has been an increase in calls to Poison Control due to accidental exposures to household cleaners and disinfectants. CDC recommends keeping all chemicals out of reach of children, using protective gear while cleaning with chemicals, and cleaning in a well ventilated area.

- If you suspect a poisoning, get poison control help by calling **1-800-222-1222**

Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano

The Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano has been working hard to ensure that no one in our community goes hungry. To make things a little easier, here's a map of distribution sites by city: bit.ly/2K0mQFI

- If you need help getting food, please call **1-855-309-3663**

QUESTIONS ABOUT COVID-19?



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