



Solano County *California*



Monica getting tested for Covid-19 at the Norman King Center in Vallejo

SUPERVISOR MONICA BROWN CORONAVIRUS UPDATE 14 (06/19/2020)

Hello Benicia, Fairfield and Vallejo,

Welcome to my most recent Coronavirus update. I will be sending an update next week and after that, my updates will become bi-weekly. If I can be of any assistance to you, please don't hesitate to contact me at 707-784-3031 or at mebrown@solanocounty.com.

Please remember that while we have reopened many businesses, we are not back to the way things were. The coronavirus is still very much with us and the risk of contracting the virus is still serious. Please follow all health and safety guidelines and please wear a mask when you are out in public.

JUNETEENTH

Today (June 19th) is Juneteenth. Juneteenth is the annual celebration of when union soldiers brought word of the Emancipation Proclamation, which freed the slaves, to the parts of Texas where the Proclamation had not been enforced. It is important for us to remember the wrongs our nation is responsible for, do our best to change the awful legacy those wrongs leave with us today and to leave a better tomorrow for the next generation. Juneteenth is an opportunity for us to reflect on how far we still need to go to achieve our promise of equality under the law. Happy Juneteenth!

PRIDE MONTH

June is Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month. Just this week, the United States Supreme Court ruled that federal law prohibits discrimination against members of the LGBT community. This ruling is a major milestone on our nation's long journey towards equality. Happy Pride!

CORONAVIRUS STATISTICS IN SOLANO COUNTY

We have been seeing an uptick in our coronavirus numbers lately. This appears to be attributable to three things: (1) Increased family gatherings that are larger than 10 people, (2) Increased testing and tracing. This has allowed us to better identify those who are infected and those they were around. (3) A delay in official reporting of testing caused a backlog of positives to be reported all at once rather than in previous days.

Our numbers regarding hospitalizations, deaths and active cases appear to be relatively stable currently. Our ICU bed capacity and our ventilator availability are both good. For more information about Solano County's numbers, please

see: <https://doitgis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=055f81e9fe154da5860257e3f2489d67>

CORONAVIRUS TESTING IN SOLANO COUNTY

Last Friday (June 12th), I was tested for Covid-19 at the Norman King Center in Vallejo. I tested negative. I will be tested again in a little over a week. I personally found there was minimal discomfort in getting tested. Testing is extremely important to safely reopen Solano County.

Increased testing allows us to find those who have the coronavirus and to track who they have been in contact with and ask all those testing positive to quarantine until they recover. It also allows for earlier monitoring and intervention of those testing positive. Please go get tested for Covid-19. Solano County has a testing site in Vallejo and Vacaville. The Vacaville site will be moved to Allan Witt Sports Complex in Fairfield on June 29th.

For more information and to schedule your Covid-19 test, please visit: https://www.solanocounty.com/depts/ph/coronavirus_links/faq_community_testing_sites.asp

MASK MANDATE

Governor Newsom has issued an order requiring all California residents to wear a face covering when out in public. I am in full support of requiring face coverings. Face coverings are essential to reducing the spread of the coronavirus. Many scientific studies have shown that face coverings reduce the spread of coronavirus. Please, when you are in public around other people, wear a face covering. We all need to do our part to stop the spread of this virus.

FREE MASK GIVEAWAY

There will be a free mask giveaway at Mount Calvary Baptist Church (1735 Enterprise Dr Building 3 in Fairfield) on June 20th from 10AM -12PM.

FOODBANK DISTRIBUTION

On Thursday June 25, the Solano County Foodbank will be distributing food at Six Flags Discovery Kingdom (1001 Fairgrounds Dr in Vallejo) from 11:00AM- 2:00PM. Free food will be available to those in need. If you need food, please go and get some. If you know someone who needs food, please let them know about this service. For more information or to find more places to receive food, please visit: <https://www.foodbankccs.org/get-help/foodbycity.html>

SOLANO COUNTY'S REOPENING

Solano County is entering a new phase of reopening today. Personal care services (such as nail salons) will be able to open today provided they comply with the state and local guidelines. Please remember that reopening businesses does not mean we are no longer at risk of coronavirus. Please wash your hands with soap (or hand sanitizer if soap is not available), please wear a mask and please follow all health and safety guidelines. Please stay safe. For more information about the businesses that are now allowed to open and what the guidelines are, please visit: https://www.solanocounty.com/depts/ph/coronavirus_links/roadmap_to_recovery.asp

INSURANCE COMMISSIONER RULING

Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara has issued a ruling to lower worker's compensation costs associated with Covid-19. Essentially, this ruling allows for a reclassification of employees into a lower risk category if they are now working from home. For more information, please visit: <http://www.insurance.ca.gov/0400-news/0100-press-releases/2020/upload/nr052WCRatingRules06172020.pdf>

PANDEMIC EBT CARD

During this time, families who have children who are eligible for free or reduced lunch may be eligible for a P-EBT card. Families could be eligible for up to \$365 for each eligible child. For more information or to apply, please visit: <https://ca.p-ebt.org/en/info>

HIGHWAY 37 TRAFFIC ADVISORY

Caltrans will be working on State Route 37 in Solano County starting Sunday June 21, 2020 at 8:00 PM until 6:00 AM Monday June 22, 2020. Crews will pave the eastbound lane on SR 37 between Noble Road and Sonoma Creek Bridge. One-way traffic control will be in place on the westbound 37 lane and a flagger will be directing traffic between Skaggs Island and west of State Route 121.

Thank you for reading my most recent update. Please don't hesitate to contact me if I can be of any help to you. Take care, stay safe and Happy Father's Day to all our fathers out there!

Sincerely,

Monica Brown,

Solano County Supervisor, District 2.



First elected in 2016, Monica represents District 2 on the Solano County Board of Supervisors. District 2 encompasses the city of Benicia, the portion of Vallejo south of Georgia Street, Mare Island, Cordelia, Green Valley and a portion of Fairfield.