



SUPERVISOR MONICA BROWN CORONAVIRUS UPDATE 18 (07/31/2020)

Welcome to my most recent coronavirus update. If I can be of any assistance to you, please don't hesitate to contact my office. I can be reached at 707-784-3031 or at mebrown@solanocounty.com.

Since my last update, we have seen more people pass away from the coronavirus in Solano County. It is always difficult for me to announce that we have lost more of our Solano family to this virus. I am always mindful that these numbers represent someone's loved one. Please honor the memory of those we have lost by doing all that you can to stop the spread of this virus. This update is dedicated to the most recent victims of coronavirus in Solano County.

I know that we have all grown tired of the coronavirus restrictions. All of us have been negatively impacted by Covid-19. I understand we all want to return to a sense of normalcy. However, we must remain vigilant. Please wear your face coverings, stay 6ft apart and avoid going out if you are not feeling well.

I am heartbroken over the passing of Congressperson John Lewis. I remember listening to him speak when he came to Vallejo. I was moved by his speech and by being in his presence. America has lost one of our greatest heroes with his passing.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS

With rising unemployment and uncertainty in our community, the Food Bank is seeing an increase in demand for food. I previously pledged to match up to \$2,000 to our local Food Bank. Thanks to the generosity of the people I represent, we were able to raise over \$6,000 for our local Food Bank (including my match). I was so overwhelmed at the generosity you all showed.

I will again match all donations up to \$2,000. The need continues to grow given all the uncertainty the pandemic has caused. If you can, please donate to our local

**Important
Numbers
Resources and
Dates**

District 2 Office

(707) 784-3031

**Clerk of the
Board & County
Administrator's
Office**

(707) 784-6100

**Veterans
Services**

(707) 784-6590

**Health &
Social Services**

(707) 784-8400

Assessor/Recorder

(707) 784-6200

**Resource
Management**

(707) 784-6765

**Registrar of
Voters**

(707) 784-6675

**Tax
Collector/Treasurer/County Clerk**

Food Bank. Here is the link to take advantage of the donation match: <https://give.foodbankccs.org/fundraiser/2834673>

(707) 784-7485

Area Agency on Aging

WEST NILE VIRUS IN SOLANO COUNTY

(707) 784-8960

On July 12, a bird from Benicia was collected and it was reported on July 28th that the bird tested positive for West Nile virus. For more information about what steps to take regarding West Nile, please

U.S. Social Security

visit: <http://www.solanocounty.com/news/displaynews.asp?NewsID=2321&TargetID=1>

(800) 772-1213

SOLANO COUNTY CORONAVIRUS STATISTICS

Solano County continues to see increases in the number of coronavirus cases. This is largely driven by private gatherings among friends and families in private homes. I strongly advise against having social gatherings at your home. However, the fact of the matter is that these gatherings are taking place. IF you are going to have gatherings (I strongly advise against having gatherings), then you should do the following: (1) Hold the gatherings outside as being outside makes it less likely (though certainly not impossible) to transmit coronavirus. (2) Wear face coverings. (3) Stay at least 6ft apart. (4) Limit the number of people who attend (5) Definitely do not attend if you are sick, have an underlying health condition or are over 65 (which I am).

Again, the above is what you should do IF you have a gathering. The safest option is to call or hold meetings online.

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

TESTING IN SOLANO COUNTY

Testing is not where it needs to be in our nation. The surge in cases has caused delays in testing. Aside from increased demand for testing, the entire country has limited lab capacity to process the tests. The county is looking into options to increase testing capacity. We also face the prospect of having our testing sites in the county defunded after August. Unless more funding comes from the state and/or federal government, we will not be able to keep the sites open. Our county staff is working with the state to prevent that.

PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM

The Solano Small Business Development Center (SBDC) is assisting small businesses with applying for Paycheck Protection loans. The deadline has been extended to August 8th. The loan can be forgiven if 60 percent of the funds are used for payroll. For more information, you can call the SBDC at 707-646-1071 or visit their website at <https://www.solanosbdc.org/>.

FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS IN SOLANO COUNTY

These are the food distributions planned for Solano County from the Food Bank:

On 08/04/2020 from 4-5pm at Vallejo High School at 840 Nebraska in Vallejo

On 08/5/2020 from 4-5pm at Dan Root Elementary in Suisun City at 820 Harrier St

On 08/07/2020 from 2-3pm at Cleo Gordon Elementary in Fairfield at 1950 Dover Ave

On 08/12/2020 from 11-2pm at Carquinez Park in Vallejo at 398 Sandy Beach Rd (this is a drive-thru distribution)

RESOURCES ON RACE IN AMERICA

KQED has an excellent piece exploring racism in America. Given the national conversation on our nation's long struggle to achieve equality, I believe these are excellent resources to provide information about this important issue. For more information, visit:

https://www.pbs.org/articles/2020/06/racism-in-america/?utm_medium=Email&utm_source=ExactTarget&utm_campaign=20200727%20KQEDSelects&mc_key=00Qi000001hLnjwEAC

HAND SANITIZER WARNINGS

The Federal Drug Administration has issued warnings regarding some hand sanitizers. For more information, visit: <https://www.fda.gov/drugs/drug-safety-and-availability/fda-updates-hand-sanitizers-methanol>

EVICTON PROTECTIONS AND RENTAL RESOURCES

I want to remind everyone that Solano County passed protections for renters. The Board of Supervisors unanimously approved halting evictions for nonpayment of

rent until 90 days after the state emergency order is lifted. That likely will not be for the rest of the year. Rent owed during this time will still be owed and tenants should let their landlords know as soon as possible if they will not be able to make rental payments. If you can pay your rent, you should because you will owe it after the pandemic.

Also, there is a program to assist renters with rent. For more information, visit: <https://patch.com/california/benicia/wells-fargo-united-way-provide-rental-relief-solano-county>

UNSOLICITED SEEDS FROM CHINA

We have received reports of unsolicited seeds from China. If you or anyone you know receives these seeds, please contact the county. Please do not throw the seeds away. For more information, please see: <http://www.solanocounty.com/news/displaynews.asp?NewsID=2320&TargetID=1>

GREATER VALLEJO RECREATION DISTRICT PUBLIC FORUM

GVRD is hosting a public forum over zoom to gather public input for its ten-year plan. This will focus on existing parks, recreational facilities, amenities and other programs and services based on community input. This plan will prioritize the needs and desires for upgrades, additions, upgrades and improvements. The event will be on August 20 at 6:00 PM. For more information, please visit: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_9KFZ3PtRR1CnkOpVPT_X2A

Thank you for reading my most recent update. If I can be of any assistance to you, please don't hesitate to contact me. Take care, stay safe and spread kindness.

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.



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