



11/2/2020	Benicia	Matthew Turner School
11/5/2020	Vallejo	Solano County Fairgrou
11/12/2020	Vallejo	Florence Douglas Senio
11/15/2020	Vallejo	Friendship Baptist Churc
11/19/2020	Fairfield	Solano Community Colle
11/23/2020	Dixon	Dixon May Fairgrounds

Flu shots will be from 12-3 pm

**SUPERVISOR MONICA BROWN CORONAVIRUS UPDATE 30 (10/30/2020)**

Hello Benicia, Fairfield, and Vallejo,

Welcome to my most recent coronavirus update. If I can be of any assistance to you, please don't hesitate to contact me at [mebrowns@solanocounty.com](mailto:mebrowns@solanocounty.com) or at 707-784-3031.

**SOLANO COUNTY COVID AND FLU DOUBLE INFECTION**

On Thursday October 29<sup>th</sup>, Solano County confirmed our first case of flu and Covid-19 co-infection. The Public Health Department is encouraging everyone to get a flu shot this year. The flu could weaken your immune system and make you more susceptible to significant issues if you contract Covid-19. The photo above shows the dates and locations for free flu shots. For more information, please visit: <https://www.solanocounty.com/news/displaynews.asp?NewsID=2347&TargetID=1>

**CORONAVIRUS NUMBERS**

Our case numbers in Solano County are heading in the wrong direction. If the cases keep increasing, the state will place us in the purple tier. Being placed in the purple tier will require some currently open businesses to close to indoor activities. It is extremely important that we all adhere to the health and safety guidelines. Please wear a mask, practice social distancing, wash your hands with soap or hand sanitizer and avoid large indoor gatherings.

**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/Co  
county Clerk**

(707) 784-7485

**Area Agency on Aging**

(707) 784-8960

**U.S. Social Security**

(800) 772-1213

Also, please get tested for coronavirus. It is free and we have two sites in Solano County. Widespread community testing will allow us to identify who has the disease and take appropriate steps.

Large private gatherings are where most covid-19 cases originate. While large gatherings of any type are not recommended, the fact of the matter is that these gatherings are taking place. If you are going to have a large gathering, everyone should wear a mask, everyone should stay 6ft apart, the event should be held outside, people who are ill should not attend, and those in high risk categories (seniors and those with preexisting conditions) also should not attend. Please consider holding your event virtually rather than in person. If you do have an event in person, please follow the above guidelines and limit the number of people who attend.

I want to emphasize that **private gatherings are the main driver of spreading coronavirus in our county**. I strongly encourage everyone avoid private gatherings.

For more information about our coronavirus numbers, please visit: <https://www.solanocounty.com/depts/ph/coronavirus.asp>

### **VOTING INFORMATION**

We have four days until the election. You have many options on how to cast your vote. Your options are:

(1) You can fill out your mail in ballot and mail it back to the registrar. Your ballot must be postmarked by Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> and received by Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>. For it to be postmarked by Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>, it would be a good idea to mail it no later than Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please make sure to sign and date your ballot. Postage is already paid for.

(2) You may drop off your mail in ballot at any of the designated ballot drop off locations in Solano County. Please check the registrar's website to see where you can drop off your ballot. You can drop off your ballot on the first floor of the county building (675 Texas St in Fairfield). I want to point out that the Raleys in Benicia has a ballot drop off box inside. This was added after the ballot guide went out so was not included in the ballot guide that

was mailed to voters. Please remember to place your ballot in one of these boxes by 8:00 PM on Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>.

(3) You may drop off your ballot “curbside” at one of the curbside locations. You will be able to drive up and hand your ballot to a poll worker from your car. These curbside locations started on Thursday October 29<sup>th</sup> and will run through Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>. You can find these locations on the registrar’s website.

(4) You may download and print a ballot from the registrar’s website and mail or fax it to the registrar. Please remember that the ballot must be postmarked by Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> and received by Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> for it to count.

(5) On election day, you may take your ballot to a polling place and drop it off. You may either drop it off inside the polling place or you may drop it off “curbside” at the polling place. There will be markings and poll workers for the curbside drop off.

(6) You may vote on election day at your polling place. You should bring your mail in ballot with you to surrender if you would like to vote in person at your polling place. If you do not have your mail in ballot to surrender, you may be required to vote provisionally. Provisional ballots will be counted once it is determined that the voter was eligible to vote and did not previously vote in the election.

(7) You may vote in person and “curbside” on election day at your polling place. If you drive to the curbside portion of your polling place, you can ask to vote curbside from your car. The poll worker will bring your ballot out to you and you will be able to vote from your car. The poll worker will securely deposit your ballot for you. For this option, you should also bring your vote by mail ballot to surrender. If you do not bring your vote by mail ballot to surrender, you may have to vote provisionally. A provisional ballot will be counted once it is determined that the voter was eligible and did not previously vote in the election.

(8) You may vote early at the registrar’s office (675 Texas St in Fairfield on the second floor). This option is available through election day. The

registrar's office is open Monday -Saturday from 8am to 5pm. The office will be open on election day (Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>) from 7am-8pm.

While the voter registration deadline has passed, you may still register to vote on election day at your polling place. If you register at your polling place on election day, you will be able to vote. Your vote will be separated, and your vote will only be counted once the county election office verifies your eligibility to vote.

In every election previously, I voted at the polls. I enjoyed the experience of going to my local polling place, seeing my friends and neighbors, talking to my former students, bringing my children to vote with me and the excitement of casting my vote. This year, I decided to vote with my mail in ballot because of the coronavirus concerns. I dropped my ballot off at the county building on the first floor. I signed up for text alerts and I got the notification that my ballot was received.

For more information about voting, to sign up for text alerts, where to find your ballot drop boxes, curbside drop off, polling place and more, please visit: <https://www.solanocounty.com/depts/rov/>

### **SECOND ROUND OF RENTAL ASSISTANCE**

In the first round of Rental Assistance, we were able to help 861 households. For my district, 29 were from Benicia, 286 were from Fairfield, and 360 were from Vallejo. We now have a second round of rental assistance. For more information about the second round and to apply, please visit: <https://www.ccyoso.org/>

### **SOLANO COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY (SCHA) MOVE-TO-WORK PLAN**

The SCHA has prepared a draft plan to expand move-to-work plan flexibility. As part of the application process, a draft plan has been prepared. To read the plan and to comment on it, please visit: <https://www.ci.vacaville.ca.us/government/housing/housing-authorities-section-8/solano-county-housing-authority/move-to-work>

## **HALLOWEEN GUIDELINES**

Here are the guidelines from public health for a safe Halloween. I am so disappointed that we will be curtailing many of our traditional Halloween activities this year. This is a Halloween on a Saturday and on a full moon. It will be a long time before we have both of those again. However, we must also be vigilant in stopping the spread of the virus. Please consider following the guidelines. <https://www.solanocounty.com/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?BlobID=33404>

## **ECONOMIC INJURY DISASTER LOANS**

To get assistance with applying for an economic injury disaster loan, please visit the Solano Small Business Development Center's website: <https://www.solanosbdc.org/about-us/news/sba-stands-ready-assist-california-businesses-and-residents-affected-wildfires-1>

## **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME**

Please don't forget to set your clocks back an hour this Sunday. Remember, we are in fall, so we set them back. Spring forward fall back!

## **REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS ALLOCATION (RHNA)**

The RHNA numbers determine how much housing a community is expected to build. To see the plan and to send comments, please visit: <https://abag.ca.gov/our-work/housing/rhna-regional-housing-needs-allocation>

## **TOURO UNIVERSITY WELLNESS WEBINARS**

To see what wellness webinars Touro University is putting on, please visit: <http://tu.edu/mobec/zoomintowellness.html>

Thank you for taking the time to read my update. Please reach out to me if I can be of assistance. Take care, stay safe, spread kindness, and have a Happy Halloween!

Sincerely,

Monica Brown,

Solano County Supervisor, District 2

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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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