

SUPERVISOR MONICA BROWN CORONAVIRUS UPDATE 34

Hello Benicia, Fairfield, and Vallejo,

Welcome to my most recent coronavirus update. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if I can be of any assistance. I can be reached at 707-784-3031 or at mebrown@solanocounty.com.

CORONAVIRUS NUMBERS IN SOLANO COUNTY

Our numbers are far from where they should be. The positivity rate (the percentage of COVID-19 tests in Solano County that are positive), the total number of cases, hospitalizations, and all our numbers are at dangerous levels. This is before the numbers from the Thanksgiving holiday have set in.

The largest driver of the spread of the disease in Solano County is private gatherings. When contact tracing is performed, most of the cases trace back to private gatherings. It is of the utmost importance that we get our numbers down.

IF you have private gatherings (which you should not), then please do the following: (1) Please wear face coverings, (2) Stay 6ft apart, (3) Hold gatherings outside when possible, (4) Limit the number of people attending, (5) Get tested for Covid-19 before AND after the event, (6) Those who are sick, have pre-existing conditions, and/or are over 65 should avoid attending.

As you most likely have heard, the Governor has issued an order that will require us to go into a further state of shutdown when our region's ICU beds are used at 85% capacity. The prediction is that we will get there by mid-December. This will require retail establishments to limit their capacity to 20% and will shut down outdoor dining.

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

(707) 784-7485

Area Agency on Aging

(707) 784-8960

U.S. Social Security

(800) 772-1213

I understand how difficult this is. Please remember that we are on the verge of having a vaccine. When the vaccine is approved, it will first be provided to frontline healthcare workers and nursing home residents. The remaining vaccine will be distributed by state rules that will essentially require distribution first to those most at risk of a serious outcome from Covid-19. Once enough of the population has been vaccinated, the hope is this will allow us to return to a sense of normalcy.

Until we have the vaccine, please do your part to stop the spread of the disease.

For more information about our numbers, resources, testing and other information, please visit:

https://www.solanocounty.com/depts/ph/coronavirus.asp

EMERGENCY COVID-19 FUNDING FOR SENIORS

As the Solano County representative for the Napa/Solano Area Agency on Aging, I am thrilled to announce that we have received one-time emergency money to provide aid to Seniors (60 +) and disabled adults in Napa and Solano Counties.

To qualify, applicants will need to show unmet financial needs as a result of Covid-19. Documentation will be required. For more information or to obtain an application, please contact the Benicia Family Resource Center at 707-746-4352 or at klara@ci.benicia.ca.us.

SUPPORTING SMALL BUSINESSES DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON

Our small businesses have taken a huge hit during the coronavirus crisis. Our small businesses are crucial to our communities. I would encourage all of us to buy gifts at our small businesses this holiday season. A great place to get holiday candy is at Lileds in Vallejo. Lileds is located at 1318 Tennessee St in Vallejo. To find great small business to support in Vallejo, please visit: http://www.visitvallejo.com/

In Fairfield, we have many shops in the downtown where you can get a nice Christmas gift. You can get a gift certificate for Evelyn's pizza, you can get flowers, and many other nice gifts. To see what's available in Fairfield, please visit: http://www.fairfieldmainstreet.com/

The city of Benicia has a very creative program to support their small businesses during the holiday season. You have the option of buying a gift card that can be used at participating businesses in town. If you purchase \$25, you will receive a \$10 bonus. If you buy a \$50 card, you will receive a \$25 bonus. If you purchase \$100, you will get a \$50 bonus. This is a great way to complete your holiday shopping, support local businesses, and allow your holiday shopping dollars to go even further. It's a win-win-win. For more information, please visit: https://visitbenicia.org/

SOLANO MOBILITY PROGRAM

Solano Transportation Authority (STA) has expanded its Medial Trip Concierge Program. Individuals 60 and over may be eligible to use this program for trips to the hospital, pharmacy, and other essential trips. For more information, you can contact STA at info@sta.ca.gov or at 707-424-6075.

BAY AREA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT (BAAQMD) COMMUNITY STEERING COMMITTEE

BAAQMD is looking for people to join their Path to Clean Air Steering Committee. If you are interested or know someone who is, please see this link for more

information: https://www.baaqmd.gov/Publications/AB617/2020/Richmond-SP-Steering-Committee-Application-111220

Thank you for taking the time to read my most recent update. Please don't hesitate to reach out if I can be of help to you.

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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