



SUPERVISOR MONICA BROWN JULY 23, 2021 UPDATE

Hello Benicia, Fairfield and Vallejo,

Welcome to my most recent update. I can be reached at mebrown@solanocounty.com.

CORONAVIRUS

Our covid numbers are far too high and are going in the wrong direction. The good news is that if you are fully vaccinated, you are mostly protected from contracting the virus. Even if you do contract it, you are much less likely to have a severe outcome. The delta variant is much more dangerous than anything we have seen to date.

The highly contagious delta variant is driving a scary resurgence of Covid-19 infections across the nation. 41% of Americans have yet to get a single shot. More than 600,000 Americans have already died of Covid-19. Most of the people being hospitalized and dying are unvaccinated.

The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission says that private businesses and employers are within their rights to mandate vaccines.

In 1905, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that smallpox mandates issued by Boston and Cambridge during a 1901 outbreak were a reasonable infringement on personal freedom.” LA Times Page 10 July 20, 2021

99% of new infections involve people who have not been vaccinated. Children younger than 12 do not have access to vaccines for now, and it’s important that as many adults around them get vaccinated. Daily Corona virus cases have soared since the June 15th reopening. Much of it can be attributed to the delta variant.

**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

Please get vaccinated if you have not already. If you know anyone who is not vaccinated, please encourage them to get vaccinated. As you have probably heard many times, this is a pandemic of the unvaccinated. If you are unvaccinated, there is a very good chance the delta variant or a subsequent variant will infect you.

There has been much talk about mask guidance. All health departments in the Bay Area, except Solano, have recommended everyone wear masks in indoor public places. While our health department may not be recommending masks, ***I WANT TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT I AM RECOMMENDING EVERYONE WEAR MASKS IN PUBLIC PLACES.*** The delta variant is too virulent for us all not to be masked when we are in indoor public places. Please wear your masks when you are in public. The life you save may very well be a child or an immunocompromised person who are both unable to be vaccinated. You will also be helping healthcare workers who are overexposed to covid. PLEASE WEAR MASKS.

To see our vaccine numbers as well as where to get vaccinated, please visit:

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

https://www.solanocounty.com/depts/ph/coronavirus_links/covid_19_vaccines.asp#Mass_Vaccine_Events

I-80 CLOSURE IN VALLEJO

Caltrans has scheduled a **full overnight closure of westbound** Interstate 80 in Vallejo on Wednesday, July 28, 2021 from 11:00 PM until 4:00 AM on Thursday, July 29, and a **full overnight closure of eastbound** Interstate 80 in Vallejo on Thursday, July 29, 2021 from 11:59 PM until 5:00 AM Friday, July 30 as crews will continue its work increasing the vertical clearance on Magazine Street Overcrossing.

I-80 will be completely closed in one direction at a time for two consecutive nights to increase the bridge spans on Magazine Street Overcrossing. A detour

will be in place. During the I-80 closure times, eastbound or westbound I-80 onramps in Vallejo will be closed as needed to facilitate the work safely. Detour signs will be posted.

WB/EB I-80 Detours:

Motorists traveling westbound on I-80 will need to access I-780 to State Route 29 (Sonoma Blvd.) to Magazine Street back onto WB I-80 on-ramp. Motorists traveling eastbound on I-80 will need to take State Route 29 (Sonoma Blvd) to I-780 to EB I-80.

SHUTTLE SERVICE AVAILABLE:

Phone Number: (415) 263-4000

A 24-hr shuttle service will be available for pedestrians and bicyclists who need to safely cross Magazine Street Overcrossing. One shuttle stop will be located on each side of the bridge.

If you have a question or want to share a concern about the project, please call the **I-80 Six Bridges project hotline (510) 286-5620**.

The hotline has been set up for the traveling public and residents living in Vallejo to learn about the most up to date information about the project.

WATER CONSERVATION

As you know, we are in an historic drought. The Solano County Water Agency has programs available to assist in conserving water. You may be eligible for financial assistance in purchasing water efficient appliances or in installing drought resistant landscaping. For more information, please visit: <https://www.scwa2.com/water-efficiency/>

IRS ISSUES FRAUD WARNING

The IRS has issued a warning about scammers trying to get personal information. The IRS is warning people not to give any personal information to someone who calls you. If you have a question about a transaction, contact the company or agency directly. Do not give information over the phone or the internet to someone who contacts you. For more information, please visit: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9PMDGmwI2Fc&t=27s>

REDISTRICTING FOR SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

The process of determining what the Board of Supervisor lines will look like is under way. There will be in person meetings for each district. For more information about redistricting and to see when the meetings will be, please visit: <https://redistricting.solanocounty.com/>

CHILD TAX CREDIT

If you are eligible for the child tax credit and have not received it or have not filed your taxes, here is information about how to claim the credit: <https://www.irs.gov/credits-deductions/advance-child-tax-credit-payments-in-2021>

BAY AREA AIR QUALITY DISTRICT MEETING ABOUT RULE CHANGES

BAAQMD will be having a meeting about changes to rules regarding permitting. The meeting will be on August 24th from 6-8:00 pm. For more information, please visit: <https://www.baaqmd.gov/rules-and-compliance/rules/reg-2-permits>

BAY AREA 2050

There will be meeting about the Bay Area 2050 Plan on Tuesday August 17th from 9:30 to 11:00 am. For more information, please visit: <https://bayareametro.zoom.us/j/81320840694#success>

JOBS

SOLANO COUNTY JOBS

To see what jobs are available at Solano County, please visit: <https://jobapscloud.com/solano/>

BENICIA JOBS

To see what jobs are available at the City of Benicia, please visit: <https://agency.governmentjobs.com/benicia/default.cfm>

FAIRFIELD JOBS

To see what jobs are available at the City of Fairfield, please visit: <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/fairfield>

VALLEJO JOBS

To see what jobs are available at the City of Vallejo, please visit: <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/vallejo>

SUPPORTING SMALL BUSINESSES

Our local small businesses need us now more than ever. Please see the resources below to find local businesses to support.

SHOP BENICIA GIFT CARDS

The City of Benicia is still offering the Shop Benicia Gift Card program. Through this program, you can get up to \$50 on a Shop Benicia Gift Card if you purchase a \$100 Shop Benicia Gift card. For more information about the gift card program and local businesses in Benicia, please visit: <https://app.yiftee.com/gift-card/benicia--ca>

<https://www.visitbenicia.org/>

FAIRFIELD

To find local businesses to support in Fairfield, please visit:

<https://www.visitfairfieldca.com/>

VALLEJO

To find local businesses to support in Vallejo, please visit:

<https://www.visitvallejo.com/>

Thank you for taking the time to read my most recent update. Please stay safe, wear your masks, support our local businesses and spread kindness.

Sincerely,

Monica Brown,

Solano County Supervisor



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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