



**SUPERVISOR MONICA BROWN AUGUST 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2021 UPDATE**

Hello Benicia, Fairfield and Vallejo,

Welcome to my most recent update. I can be reached at [mebrown@solanocounty.com](mailto:mebrown@solanocounty.com).

**CORONAVIRUS**

It is painful for me to continue writing about the pandemic. I know all of us hoped we would be done with this by now. The delta strain is surging through our country with disastrous results. The good news is that the vaccines work.

The website 538 provides a very informative breakdown of the statistics regarding vaccinated versus unvaccinated. For those vaccinated, the death rate is .0009 percent, compared to 1.7 percent for those unvaccinated. To put this into perspective, if 100,000 unvaccinated people contracted Covid-19, 1,700 people would die. If 100,000 vaccinated people contracted Covid-19, there would be zero deaths on average.

In addition to providing strong protection from being infected in the first place, the vaccines also protect against severe outcomes if you get a breakthrough infection. If you have not been vaccinated, I ask you to please get vaccinated.

Schools will be opening soon. Our children 12 and under are still not eligible for the vaccine. This strain is hitting our children harder than previous strains. To protect our children and our immunocompromised residents, I plead with everyone to get vaccinated. I plead with you to talk to your friends and family about getting vaccinated.

**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

Our numbers in Solano county are far too high. If you are not vaccinated, there is a very good chance you will be infected with this virus. In addition to your personal safety, the safety of our entire community is on the line. Please get vaccinated.

**U.S. Social Security**

(800) 772-1213

I know there are likely questions about the FDA's decision to give emergency use authorization to give booster shots to immunocompromised adults. I fully support this decision. I will have more information in future updates about how this will be rolled out in Solano County.

I know there are many of you who want a mask mandate in Solano County. I have told both the County Administrator and the Public Health Officer that I want a mask mandate. Every other county in the Bay Area issued a mask mandate, the Center for Disease Control issued guidelines saying Solano residents should wear masks and the Napa Solano Medical Society requested a mask mandate. Given that all these medical experts are telling us we should wear masks in public, there is not dispute that the science supports mandating face masks.

As only one of five Supervisors, I do not have the power to issue a mandate or direct staff to issue a mandate or to force the staff to implement one. Only the whole Board or the Public Health Officer can issue a mandate. The Solano Public Health Officer has made it clear he will not issue a mask mandate. The city of Benicia is going to consider implementing a mask mandate and I am in full support of this.

For more information about the vaccine statistics, Solano's numbers, where to get a vaccine and more, please visit:

<https://fivethirtyeight.com/features/still-unsure-about-getting-the-covid-19-vaccine-start-here/>

[https://www.solanocounty.com/depts/ph/coronavirus\\_links/covid\\_19\\_vaccine\\_s.asp](https://www.solanocounty.com/depts/ph/coronavirus_links/covid_19_vaccine_s.asp)

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

<https://www.dailyrepublic.com/all-dr-news/solano-news/fairfield/napa-solano-medical-society-wants-solano-to-mandate-masks-indoors/>

### **UPCOMING RECALL ELECTION**

As many of you know, the recall election will be on Tuesday September 14<sup>th</sup>. Every voter will be mailed a ballot. In Solano County, ballots are scheduled to be mailed today (Friday August 13<sup>th</sup>). Most voters should receive their ballots between the 16<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of August.

There are multiple ways you will be able to vote in this election. You can vote by: (1) Mailing your mail-in-ballot (postage is free), (2) Drop off your ballot at a designated ballot drop off place, (3) Drop off your ballot at a polling place on election day, (4) Vote early in person at the registrar of voter's office in Fairfield (starting August 16<sup>th</sup>), Drop off your ballot at a polling place or ballot drop-off site "curbside" (meaning you can drop it off without getting out of your car), (5) You can vote in person on election day at a polling place.

For more information about polling places, tracking your ballot and other items, please visit: <https://www.solanocounty.com/depts/rov/default.asp>

<https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/ballot-status/wheres-my-ballot?fbclid=IwAR0e7rle1taF0oace4MVunopxVHlkmOKSXDk0q9kQf4QLqvFei9eYqf6RJk>

### **TOURO UNIVERSITY SOCIAL JUSTICE IN PUBLIC HEALTH SPEAKER SERIES**

Touro University will host multiple speakers to talk about Covid-19 and social justice. For more information, please visit: [http://cehs.tu.edu/publichealth/social\\_justice\\_lecture\\_series/index.html](http://cehs.tu.edu/publichealth/social_justice_lecture_series/index.html)

### **UNACCOMPANIED VETERANS CEREMONY**

“**Dixon, CA** – On Thursday, August 19, 2021, at 2:00pm Northern California veterans’ organizations and the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery (SVNC) will gather to give proper military honors to unaccompanied veterans that have been interred at SVNC. This monthly event will occur on every third Thursday until all have been honored.” From the Department of Veteran’s Affairs

### **SOLANO SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER SERVICES**

SBDC offers trainings, seminars, support and other services to entrepreneurs in Solano County. For more information on their offerings, please visit: <https://www.solanosbdc.org/services/>

### **UNIVERSAL FREE SCHOOL LUNCH**

Starting in the 2022-2023 school year, school lunches will be free for every student. For more information, please visit: <https://edsources.org/2021/free-school-meals-here-to-stay-in-california/658564>

### **STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT PAUSE EXTENDED**

The postponement of paying federal student loans has been extended until January 31, 2022. For more information, please visit: [https://calschoolnews.org/2021/08/biden-administration-announces-%E2%80%9Cfinal%E2%80%9D-federal-loan-payment-extension.html?utm\\_source=Cal+School+News&utm\\_campaign=93d3bb7568-School\\_30\\_Apr\\_2020\\_COPY\\_01&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_cb30daa845-93d3bb7568-126293001&mc\\_cid=93d3bb7568&mc\\_eid=9316b1ab10](https://calschoolnews.org/2021/08/biden-administration-announces-%E2%80%9Cfinal%E2%80%9D-federal-loan-payment-extension.html?utm_source=Cal+School+News&utm_campaign=93d3bb7568-School_30_Apr_2020_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_cb30daa845-93d3bb7568-126293001&mc_cid=93d3bb7568&mc_eid=9316b1ab10)

### **NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR MENTAL ILLNESS SOLANO COUNTY**

NAMI Solano County will be having a meeting discussing mental health and police interactions. The zoom information is:

August 30, 2021 6:30-7:30 pm, PT

Join us through Zoom

Meeting ID: 823 4418 9723    Passcode: 372456

For more information, you may contact [info@namisolano.org](mailto:info@namisolano.org).

## **CALTRANS CLOSURES**

**SOLANO COUNTY-** Caltrans has scheduled a five consecutive nights of full overnight closure on Interstate 80 (I-80). Crews will be working on the I-80/I-680/ SR 12 Interchange Project near the City of Fairfield in Solano County starting at 10:00 PM, Monday, August 23, 2021.

### **I-80 EB at Red Top Road Full Overnight Closure:**

On Monday, August 23, 2021 crews will be closing I-80 eastbound overnight at Red Top Road starting at 10:00 PM to 6:00 AM, Tuesday, August 24, 2021. The work will continue on Tuesday, August 24, and Wednesday, August 25 overnight.

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Motorists traveling westbound will need to enter onto the I-680 connector ramp travel southbound to connect to I-780 (Curtola Parkway) back onto I-80 while the overnight closures is in place.

Motorists are advised to expect traffic delays.

**SOLANO and SONOMA COUNTIES** - Caltrans has scheduled an additional three nights of overnight full highway closures on eastbound State Route 37 (SR-37) between Walnut Ave. on Mare Island in Vallejo and State Route 121 (SR-121) near Sears Point and the Sonoma Raceway in Sonoma County.

At least one travel direction of SR-37 will remain open at all times.

**Scheduled Overnight SR-37 Closures**

Wed., August 11, 10:00 PM – 6:00 AM: **Eastbound SR-37 Closed**

Thurs., August 12, 10:00 PM- 6:00 AM: **Eastbound SR-37 Closed**

Sunday, August 15, 10:00 PM – 6:00 AM: **Eastbound SR-37 Closed**

Caltrans will be completing roadway repair work and striping/painting lane lines which started the week of August 2.

Only one direction of SR-37 will be closed at a time.

Caltrans will grind and pave areas of damaged asphalt on the 2.2-mile section of highway that traverses the northern shore of the San Pablo Bay between Solano and Sonoma counties.

**PLAN BAY AREA 2050**

There will be a meeting on Tuesday August 17<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 to 11:00 am to talk about Plan Bay Area 2050. To see how to log in, please visit: <https://bayareametro.zoom.us/j/81320840694#success>

**APPROVAL FOR SOLANO MENTAL HEALTH FACILITY**

On Tuesday August 10<sup>th</sup>, the Board of Supervisors approved the building of Solano’s Mental Health Facility. This facility will be used a mental health diversion program. The Board has approved \$12.56 million. We received a grant of \$6.3 million from the state. I am so excited to see us start this process.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.dailyrepublic.com/all-dr-news/solano-news/fairfield/board-oks-design-construction-contract-for-solano-mental-health-residential-facility/>

Thank you for reading my most recent update. Please stay safe, wear your masks, get vaccinated, support our local businesses 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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