



***SUPERVISOR MONICA BROWN CORONAVIRUS UPDATE # 3 (03/27/2020)***

Hello Benicia, Fairfield and Vallejo,

Thank you for taking the time to read my updates about the Coronavirus. I would like to provide you with another update as well as resources available to you. If I can be of any help, please don't hesitate to contact my office at 707-784-3031 or at [mebrown@solanocounty.com](mailto:mebrown@solanocounty.com).

This situation is constantly evolving, and new information arrives regularly. Please check the resources listed to see if there is new information.

I would like to begin with extending a heartfelt thank you to the many people that are helping to keep our County operating. We all understand the difficult times we are in and yet our government workers, first responders, medical staffing, grocery workers and truckers have provided essential services to help the people of our community. Thank you.

Please stay at home unless you are considered essential or going out to get food, groceries, gas, or going to the doctor, or financial institutions. You can walk the dog or go for a walk to get some fresh air as long as you adhere to social distancing which is staying six feet away from others.

If you are out of your home for an essential activity, please remember to socially distance (6 ft away) and to bring hand sanitizer with you. Please wash your hands with soap or use hand sanitizer if soap is unavailable.

I urge you to postpone anything outside of the home that you can postpone. Please remember that for any appointment you may have or any business you wish to conduct, please call ahead to see if the office is open. If they are open, ask whether you can conduct your business online or over the phone. If it is not essential, please postpone it until this crisis has subsided.

Due to public health concerns, the county has closed the lobbies of our departments to the public. Also, many county functions such as the issuance of marriage licenses have been halted during this time.

Please remember that this is a difficult time for all of us. We are all in this together. Please follow all public health guidelines. Please wash your hands (or sanitize if you can't wash with soap right away). When you must leave your home, please remember to practice social distancing (6 ft apart). Please stay safe during this time. Again, if I can be of any assistance to you during this time, please don't hesitate to contact us.

**RESOURCES AVAILABLE DURING THIS TIME:**

### **CalFresh Food Program**

CalFresh provides benefits to help households purchase the food. The benefits are provided via Electronic Benefits Transmission (EBT) which is accessed by using a card, like a debit card. These cards are accepted at grocery stores, farmer's markets and most other stores that sell food.

### **CalWORKs Cash Assistance Program**

CalWORKs provides cash assistance, housing, utilities, and clothing for families with little or no income. These benefits are issued via EBT card.

### **Medi-Cal Health Insurance**

Medi-Cal health insurance pays for medical services for children and adults with limited income and resources.

### **General Assistance Programs**

General assistance programs provide cash assistance for adults without dependents. These cash benefits are issued via EBT card.

All Solano County community members, regardless of immigration status, may apply for these programs if they are eligible. For more information about immigration and these safety net supports, visit <https://www.solanocounty.com/depts/hss/publiccharge>

Most applications for these programs will be accepted and processed remotely while Shelter at Home Orders are in effect due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19). After an application is submitted, the applicant will be contacted by phone to schedule a phone interview, which may be on the same day. Applications may be obtained and submitted as follows:

- **Online:** <https://www.mybenefitscalwin.org>. (all programs) and [GetCalFresh.org](https://www.getcalfresh.org) (CalFresh only)
- **Phone:** (707) 784-8050 in Fairfield or (707) 553-5000 in Vallejo and (707) 469-4500 in Vacaville, Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- **Pick Up / Drop Off Application:** Community members are strongly encouraged to apply online or request an application by phone. However, this may not be possible in some cases. Community members may visit H&SS buildings to pick up or drop-off an application if needed: 365 Tuolumne St., Vallejo; 275 Beck Ave, Fairfield; 1119 E. Monte Vista, Vacaville. Community members can return the application:

- **By mail:** Solano County H&SS Department, PO Box 12000, Vallejo, CA 94590
- **By email:** [EESRightFaxVJO2ndFI@SolanoCounty.com](mailto:EESRightFaxVJO2ndFI@SolanoCounty.com) in Vallejo; [EESRightFaxFF@SolanoCounty.com](mailto:EESRightFaxFF@SolanoCounty.com) in Fairfield; and [EESRightFaxVV@SolanoCounty.com](mailto:EESRightFaxVV@SolanoCounty.com) in Vacaville.
- **By FAX:** to Solano County Health & Social Services Department, (707) 784-8050

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION

For information about other safety net programs in Solano County, visit [www.SolanoCounty.com](http://www.SolanoCounty.com). Individuals who have questions about their active case should call the Benefits Action Center at (707) 784-3900. EMPLOYMENT AND INSURANCE INFORMATION

For those unable to work due to exposure to COVID-19, caring for an ill family member or working reduced hours because of COVID-19 related business closures, visit the CA Employment Development Department website to file an unemployment or disability insurance claim: [https://www.edd.ca.gov/about\\_edd/coronavirus-2019.htm](https://www.edd.ca.gov/about_edd/coronavirus-2019.htm). Governor Newsom's recent Executive Order waives the one-week unpaid waiting period.

#### **SUPPORTING LOCAL RESTAURANTS:**

During this difficult time, please support our local restaurants for carryout or delivery. My staff and I are doing our best to order food from local restaurants during this time. In addition to supporting our local restaurants when they need us the most, it gives us a chance to try delicious foods we may not have tried before or to enjoy our favorites.

My office can tell you that, with so many things curtailed in our lives during this time, the ability to have food from one of your favorite restaurants (or great food from a new restaurant) is very comforting.

Below is a list of restaurants open during this time. If you know of any other restaurants in our community that are not on this list, please let me know.

#### **BENICIA RESTAURANTS:**

Aroma Indian Cuisine

Bella Siena Restaurant & Bar

The Cellar

Char's Hot Dogs

The Cellar  
Dianna's Bakery & Cafe  
Elviarita's Mexican Bar & Grill  
Farm & Flour  
First Street Cafe  
Fox & Fawn Bakehouse  
Freshly Rooted Tribe  
Got Plate Lunch  
Izakaya Japanese Tapas & Sushi  
Juice House Co.  
Kaigan Sushi  
Kimono Japanese  
Mai Thai Cuisine  
Napoli Pizza  
Nine Zero Seven Grill  
One House Bakery  
Pacifica Pizza  
Pizza Pirate  
Sailor Jack's  
Sandoval's Mexican Food  
Sepay Groves Olive Oil  
Szechwan House  
Union Hotel Restaurant & Bar  
Venticellos

FAIRFIELD RESTAURANTS:

The Napa Deli has been offering special curbside options. Please look at their Facebook Page for more information: <https://www.facebook.com/TheNapaDeli/>

I want to personally thank the Napa Deli for taking food to the healthcare workers at North Bay Hospital.

The Green Bamboo Szechuan Chinese Restaurant is an excellent choice for Chinese food. My son loves their orange chicken. They are located at 4437 Central Place in Cordelia (close to Scandia). Their number is 707-864-3601. They are offering carryout.

#### VALLEJO:

Maggie's in Vallejo offers a delicious tuna melt and an amazing breakfast. One of my staffers will be getting breakfast from Maggie's this weekend. The report from last weekend was that the bacon was delicious, and the breakfast burrito was amazing. They are offering delivery and carryout tomorrow from 7:30-3:30. They are located at 700 Benicia Road in Vallejo. 707-643-9149.

Sac's Tasty Hot Dogs. Sac's is offering carryout in Vallejo. Both of my staffers have been going to Sac's for decades. Their hot dogs are delicious, and their chili is superb. They are located at 2445 Springs Rd.

Pizza vs Burrito has a great Italian and Mexican selection. They offer delivery and carryout. They also have an excellent cheesecake! They are located at 1201 Georgia St in Vallejo. 707-731-2171.

#### **CENSUS**

During this time, please remember to fill out your census information. It is important that everyone is counted. This will determine how much funding we receive for healthcare, education, infrastructure and other critical needs. Please fill out your census form at <https://my2020census.gov/>.

#### **RESOURCES FOR CHILDREN HOME FROM SCHOOL.**

There are so many online resources during this time for students. March 31<sup>st</sup> will be César E. Chávez Day. Included below is a link to the César E. Chávez Home National Park. Also included are resources for a virtual tour of Ford's theater and a webinar on using technology for education.

[https://events.berkeley.edu/index.php/calendar/sn/pded.html?event\\_ID=132558&date=2020-03-31&filter=Secondary%20Event%20Type&filtersel=](https://events.berkeley.edu/index.php/calendar/sn/pded.html?event_ID=132558&date=2020-03-31&filter=Secondary%20Event%20Type&filtersel=)

<https://www.nps.gov/cech/learn/virtualtour.htm>

[https://www.fords.org/for-teachers/digital-programs/?utm\\_source=wordfly&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=032020-Noon%3ACovid-19EnewsUpdate%3AGeneral&utm\\_content=version\\_A](https://www.fords.org/for-teachers/digital-programs/?utm_source=wordfly&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=032020-Noon%3ACovid-19EnewsUpdate%3AGeneral&utm_content=version_A)

#### **SCHOOL CLOSURE EXTENDED:**

The closure of Solano County Schools has been extended until May 1<sup>st</sup>.

**CLOSURE OF SOLANO COUNTY PARKS AND SOLANO LAND TRUST PARKS**

All parks operated by Solano County and Solano Land Trust are being closed to protect the public from the coronavirus.

**EVICTION MORATORIUM AND MORTGAGE RELIEF**

Governor Gavin Newsom today issued an executive order halting evictions for nonpayment of rent through May 31<sup>st</sup>. Also, the Governor announced an agreement with financial institutions regarding mortgage payment relief during the Coronavirus crisis. Here is the link for more information and to apply for this program: <https://www.gov.ca.gov/2020/03/25/governor-gavin-newsom-announces-major-financial-relief-package-90-day-mortgage-payment-relief-during-covid-19-crisis/>

**COMMUNITY RESOURCES AVAILABLE:**

Here is a link to the resources available through the City of Vallejo:

<https://www.cityofvallejo.net/cms/One.aspx?portalId=13506&pageId=16564373>

Here are resources available through Solano County:

[https://www.solanocounty.com/depts/ph/coronavirus\\_links/resources.asp](https://www.solanocounty.com/depts/ph/coronavirus_links/resources.asp)

Thank you for reading my most recent update. Please remember that we are all in this together. Please stay safe during this time. If I can be of any help, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Monica Brown,

Solano County Supervisor, District 2

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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.