



SUPERVISOR MONICA BROWN CORONAVIRUS UPDATE #5 (04/09/10)

Hello Benicia, Fairfield and Vallejo,

I hope you are all staying safe during this time. I am going to be providing regular updates during this crisis. If I can ever be of assistance, please don't hesitate to contact me at 707-784-3031 or at mebrown@solanocounty.com.

I regret to inform you that Solano County had our second death from Covid-19. Their family is in my thoughts. The victim is a young adult who had underlying health issues. I dedicate this update to their memory. Please honor their memory by following all health guidelines during this crisis.

Please remember that this is a trying time for all of us. I appreciate the sacrifices all of you have made during this time. As difficult as it is, I ask that you stay home as much as possible. When you go to the grocery store or go out for another essential activity, please do not bring anyone, please practice social distancing and please follow all hand-washing and/or sanitizing best practices. Together, we will reach the other side of this crisis. This is a constantly evolving situation. New information is received regularly. Please check to make sure the information is the most up to date.

I want to thank our first responders, grocery workers, government workers, utility workers and all essential employees continuing to do the work of keeping our community going. Thank you.

Most government offices are closed to the public, including the county. Please postpone any activity out of your home that you can. The elevators at the county building in Fairfield on Texas St and the departments there are not open to the public currently. Please call the county department you need to make necessary arrangements. If you can conduct your business via fax, email, phone or mail, please do so.

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

PROPERTY TAX DUE DATE

As I mentioned in my last newsletter, only the state can extend the property tax deadline. It does not appear this will happen. That means property taxes are due on April 10th. Solano County Tax Collector Charles Lomeli has exercised his authority to offer waivers of late penalties for those impacted by the Covid-19 crisis. Documentation will be required. For more information, please see this Daily Republic article: <https://www.dailyrepublic.com/all-dr-news/solano-news/fairfield/solano-county-offers-property-tax-penalty-relief-due-to-covid-19/>

There are boxes for you to drop off your property tax payments at the county building in Fairfield at 675 Texas St. There are curbside options to drop off your property taxes.

SOLANO COUNTY DASHBOARD/SURGE PREPAREDNESS

According to our public health department, Solano County’s surge plan calls for increasing available beds through inter-facility transfers and reopening portions of hospitals that are currently closed. We are also able to utilize beds at currently established alternate regional care sites. As of now, the public health department believes we have enough beds to meet expected demand. Public health is monitoring this and will adjust accordingly.

California’s social distancing and shelter at home has been effective at reducing the spread of Covid-19. California was able to send 500 ventilators to states that need them right now. We were able to do this because our residents have done a good job of adhering to social distancing and shelter at home. Thank you. Here is information on the Governor’s “Stay Home. Save Lives. Check In.” campaign: <https://www.gov.ca.gov/2020/03/31/governor-newsom-launches-campaign-to-protect-health-and-well-being-of-older-californians-during-covid-19-pandemic/>

The Solano Dashboard is updated daily. It contains the Covid-19 numbers for Solano County. <https://doitgis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/6c83d8b0a564467a829bfa875e7437d8>

RESOURCES AVAILABLE DURING THIS TIME

<https://www.timesheraldonline.com/2020/04/08/coronavirus-countys-wdb-makes-layoff-aversion-fund-available-to-small->

(707) 784-6765

Registrar of Voters

(707) 784-6675

Tax Collector

(707) 784-7485

Area Agency on Aging

(707) 784-8960

U.S. Social Security

(800) 772-1213

[businesses/](#) ; <https://www.solanoemployment.org/> (Both about the Layoff aversion fund for small businesses)

<https://cahealthadvocates.org/> (Information about how to protect yourself against Medicare fraud during this time)

<http://www.solanocares.org/> (Services available in Solano County)

<https://findhelp.org/> (Ability to search for resources by zipcode)

<https://edd.ca.gov/> (Applying for unemployment)

<https://covid19.ca.gov/business-and-employers/#top> (Resources for small businesses)

EVICITION PROTECTIONS

In addition to Governor Newsom's Executive Order, the California Judicial Council (the entity that oversees the courts in California) has issued new rules. The new rules state that the courts cannot grant an eviction unless it is necessary for the public health and safety. The order is effective for until 90 days after the Governor lifts the state of emergency related to Covid-19.

The Solano Sheriff also has said he will not enforce evictions during the crisis. The county continues to monitor the eviction protections in place and is in discussion with tenant advocates to provide expanded protection. I also sent a letter to the Governor asking him to revise his executive order or issue a new one to provide stronger tenant protections.

For more information, please see: <https://newsroom.courts.ca.gov/news/judicial-council-adopts-new-rules-to-lower-jail-population-suspend-evictions-and-foreclosures>

EDUCATION RESOURCES

According to the Solano County Office of Education (SCOE), every school district in Solano County has provided their students with a Chromebook to complete

assignments and receive information from the teacher. If your student has not received a Chromebook or you are having trouble using it, please contact your school district.

Here are some resources for your students during this time:

https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=1CYLlv9aMNgbBYdLu7VAN0FmHnIGH8g5_&ll=38.26007820707301%2C-121.93840614999999&z=10&fbclid=IwAR1tDTyfJd01-Ztb7WGD3pSd6RwfSeEdndPb0UtGD759XN4ir6WyFo_Dgdw (Map of food distribution at schools in the county provided by SCOE)

https://www.education.com/worksheets/fourth-grade/?utm_medium=email (Worksheets)

<https://solanolandtrust.org/> (The Solano Land Trust has great resources for students at home)

STATEMENT FROM THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Here is a statement from Solano County District Attorney Krishna Abrams on what is available through her office during this time:

“During this global health crisis, it has proven to be a very unsettling time for all us. On March 19, 2020, Governor Newsom issued a “Shelter in Home” Executive Order to all Californians. It is important that each one of us abide by the health directives and executive order of the Governor, specifically to take all precautionary measures to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Please continue to wash your hands, engage in social distancing (stay within 6 feet of others), and avoid others who may be ill.

We want you to know that although there is an emergency order in place reducing court operations during this difficult time, the District Attorney’s Office remains open for questions or concerns you may have regarding court cases or crime in our community. We are diligently working with the Court and our criminal justice partners to help mitigate the spread of this disease, while also seeking to protect the safety of our community.

If you are a witness in a case, victim of crime, or just have questions regarding a case, please do not hesitate to call our office at 707-784-6800 or email solanoda@solanocounty.com with any of your inquiries. For immediate assistance, please contact the Officer of the Day at 707-784-3188. We are here to answer any questions you may have and to assist you during this time.

Additionally, the Solano Family Justice Center remains available for assistance with access to DV shelter services, restraining orders, access to aid services including Cal-Fresh & Medi-Cal, and access to mental health services. They can be reached at (707) 784-7635 or 604 Empire St, Fairfield CA 94533.” District Attorney Krishna Abrams.

RESTAURANTS:

Our restaurants need our support during this time. Here are some resources for dining in the community (for takeout and/or delivery of course).

Fairfield Restaurants:

Nations

Texas Roadhouse

Rodsap Thai

Cast Iron & Grill (Suisun)

Frank & Yuen

JJ Fish and Chicken

In-N-Out (drive through only)

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The Benicia Main Street Association is sponsoring the support downtown safely contest. You can win downtown dollars and support local businesses at the same time. For more information visit: <http://beniciamainstreet.org/>

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Visit Vallejo is sponsoring a “takin it to go” challenge. Eat at local restaurants in Vallejo and win \$50. For more information: <http://www.visitvallejo.com/restaurants/takin-it-to-go>

OPERATION OF SOLANO COURTS

Please see this link for information about how the Solano Courts are operating: https://solano.courts.ca.gov/SSC_EO.html

VOLUNTEERING AT THE FOODBANK OR MEALS ON WHEELS

The foodbank is especially in need of volunteers during this time. If you are interested, you can call the Foodbank at (707)-421-97777 or Meals on Wheels at (707) 425-0638.

BAGGING TRASH

I received a request to ask residents to please put your trash in bags before placing it in the garbage. This makes it safer for the workers who are picking up your trash because it helps prevent trash falling out and the need to pick it up off the street. This is important for health and safety during this time.

Thank you for taking the time to read my updates. If I can be of any assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

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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