

SUPERVISOR MONICA BROWN CORONAVIRUS UPDATE # 8 (05/01/2020)

Hello Benicia, Fairfield and Vallejo,

Important Numbers Resources and Dates

District 2 Office

Welcome to my latest coronavirus update. My goal is to provide you with information and resources during this difficult time. If I can ever be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me at 707-784-3031 or at mebrown@solanocounty.com.

(707) 784-3031

Clerk of the Board & County Administrator's Office

It is with a heavy heart that I inform you that Solano County reported another death from Covid-19. This is the 5th Solano County resident to pass away from Covid-19. My heart goes out to this person's family. To honor their memory, please follow all public health and safety guidelines to help stop the spread of Covid-19. This update is dedicated to the memory of the 5th Solano victim of Covid-19.

(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

I understand this is a difficult time for all of us. Please make an extra effort to spread kindness in our community during this unprecedented time. This crisis has impacted all of us and we are all trying to adjust to our new reality. For the health and safety of our residents, please practice social distancing (6ft apart), please only go out of your house for an essential activity and please wear face coverings when you go to an essential business.

Please do not bring anyone with you when you go shopping. Please get what you need and leave as soon as you can. Please don't use the stores and other essential businesses as a social gathering spot. We need enough space in the stores to practice social distancing. The more people there are, the less space there is to practice social distancing.

FOODBANK FUNDRAISER

The need for food from the foodbank has soared during this crisis. More and more of our families, friends and neighbors are needing the services the foodbank provides. The foodbank needs our help. To support the foodbank, I will match all donations to the foodbank through the following link up to \$2,000. Your gift can have double the impact. If you can, please donate to our local foodbank:

https://give.foodbankccs.org/fundraiser/2751619

Area Agency on Aging

(707) 784-8960

U.S. Social Security

(800) 772-1213

SHELTER AT HOME EXTENSION

The shelter in place order has been extended to May 17th. I do not believe the order should be lifted until we can safely start to reopen society. There is a lot of pressure to reopen the state and the county. We are receiving a lot of requests to reopen Solano. I agree with the Governor on the phased approach to reopening the state. Essentially, this means opening certain sectors of society in phased approaches from lowest risk first to highest risk last. For more information about the Governor's phased approach, please see: https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Update-on-California-

Pandemic-Roadmap.pdf

MORATORIUM ON EVICTIONS

The Board of Supervisors unanimously passed a moratorium on evictions in Solano County during the crisis. For more information, please see: https://www.dailyrepublic.com/all-dr-news/solano-news/fairfield/supervisorsok-countywide-moratorium-on-evictions-due-to-covid-19/

FUNDING FOR HOMELESS IMPACTED BY COVID-19

The Board of Supervisors approved providing grant money to a project developed by the cities of Benicia and Vallejo to house homeless individuals who are impacted by Covid-19. They will be housed in hotels. This part of the Governor's project roomkey program. The city of Vallejo's staff lead by Judy Shepard-Hall did an excellent job of bringing this project forward.

INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS NOW ELIGIBLE FOR UNEMPLOYMENT

Starting this week, independent contractors are now eligible to file for unemployment. For more information, please visit: https://edd.ca.gov/about edd/coronavirus-2019/pandemic-unemploymentassistance.htm

FOOD FOR STUDENTS DURING COVID-19 CRISIS

The California Department of Education (CDE) has an App to find nearby school meal programs. To download the App, please visit: https://www.cde.ca.gov/re/mo/cameals.asp

There is also a program available to provide a new food program for students struggling with food insecurity during this crisis. Each eligible child may receive up to a total of \$365. https://www.cde.ca.gov/nr/ne/yr20/yr20rel29.asp

SOLANO COUNTY'S CORONAVIRUS NUMBERS

To get the most recent numbers of coronavirus cases in Solano County, please visit: https://doitgis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=055f81e 9fe154da5860257e3f2489d67

I want to remind everyone about the precautions being taken in Solano County at the nursing homes. Public health is monitoring them and has protocols in place in response to Covid-19. The protocols are: (1) No visitors except for end of life, (2) Residents and staff checked for symptoms regularly (fever check and whether anyone is exhibiting other covid-19 symptoms) and (3) Personal Protective Equipment for staff.

SUPPORTING OUR LOCAL RESTAURANTS

Please make an extra effort to support our local restaurants during this difficult time with takeout and/or delivery orders. Our local restaurants need us now more than ever. With so many of our daily routines put on hold during this crisis, our favorite food from our favorite local restaurants is one of the comforts still available to us. For more information, please visit:

https://visitbenicia.org/support-benicia-businesses/

https://www.visitfairfieldca.com/

http://www.visitvallejo.com/

CENSUS

Please remember to fill out your census forms. For every person we don't count in the census, we will lose \$1,000 a year for ten years. The census will

determine not only how much we receive in funding, but where that funding goes. Please make sure our community is counted. https://census.ca.gov/

RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS AT HOME

UC Davis has an extensive collection of resources for students at home. There are resources for different grade levels and age appropriate resources. For more information, please visit: https://chssp.ucdavis.edu/coronavirus-support/homeschool

TESTING IN SOLANO COUNTY

Solano County has drive-through testing on Courage drive in Fairfield for those who are (a) Symptomatic and (b) either 65 or an essential worker. Appointments are required.

Today, public health announced that we will be opening a site in Vacaville and Vallejo. Public health believes we will soon be able to test everyone who requests testing, not only those who meet the above criteria. I will have more details on this in my next update. For more information on our current testing at Courage drive, please

visit: http://www.solanocounty.com/depts/ph/coronavirus_links/faq_drive_through_testing.asp

Thank you for reading my most recent update. If I can ever be of assistance to you, please don't hesitate to reach out to me. Take care, spread kindness and stay safe.

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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