



SUPERVISOR MONICA BROWN CORONAVIRUS UPDATE 10 (05/15/2020)

Hello Benicia, Fairfield and Vallejo,

Welcome to my most recent coronavirus update. If I can ever be of assistance to you, please don't hesitate to reach out to my office. I can be reached at 707-784-3031 or at mebrown@solanocounty.com.

It is with a heavy heart that I report that the number of Covid-19 deaths in Solano County has increased since my last update. My heart goes out to their families. It is always difficult to hear our community has lost another resident to Covid-19. Please honor their memories by doing what you can to stop the spread of Covid-19. This most recent update is dedicated to the memory of those Solano County has lost to Covid-19.

The last two months have been an extremely trying time for all of us. It does not appear that this crisis will subside anytime soon. Please remember that all our lives have been negatively impacted by this crisis. Please make an extra effort to spread kindness during this unprecedented and extremely trying time. We are all in this together and we will only rise from this together.

PHASED REOPENING AND FACE COVERINGS

The county is proceeding with reopening businesses in accordance with the level of risk and in accordance with the state guidelines. The Governor issued new guidelines this week regarding reopening certain businesses. I received many requests from my constituents for Solano County to implement a mandatory face covering requirement. Thank you to everyone who contacted me.

There was not enough support on the Board or from public health to implement this requirement. I personally would like to see a face covering requirement.

**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

However, the Public Health Officer did state that we would require face coverings for the higher risk businesses. The county public health department is also strongly encouraging people to wear face coverings when conducting essential business.

Area Agency on Aging

(707) 784-8960

U.S. Social Security

County Counsel did say there was a possibility that individual cities could adopt a face covering requirement. I sent letters to the Mayors of Benicia, Fairfield and Vallejo asking them to implement a mask requirement in their respective cities.

(800) 772-1213

The county is still in the process of planning how to regulate businesses for health and safety during this time. This is a constantly evolving situation and we are receiving new information from the State regularly. I will do my best to share information as I receive it.

For me personally, I will not be going out except for essential activities until this crisis is over. I will go to work, to the store, to the credit union, to get food and to the auto shop if need be. Regardless of what businesses are permitted to open, I will do my best to limit my time outside. And when I am at an essential business, I will be wearing my mask. I encourage everyone else to wear a mask as well when you are at an essential business.

For more information, please see:

<https://www.dailyrepublic.com/all-dr-news/solano-news/fairfield/state-restrictions-likely-to-keep-solano-from-opening-higher-risk-businesses-this-week/>

<https://covid19.ca.gov/roadmap/>

TO THE CLASS OF 2020

As a retired teacher and a mother, I know the joy that graduation brings. It is heartbreaking that the class of 2020 will not get to experience this time-honored tradition. On May 16th, there will be a nationwide honoring of the class of 2020. It will start at 8pm ET. For more information, visit: <https://graduatetogether2020.com/>

ADDITIONAL FOOD BENEFITS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

I want to thank California Superintendent of Education Tony Thurmond for his work to help families struggling with food insecurity during this time. The California Department of Education has announced additional resources for families and students needing food during this difficult time. You may be eligible for the Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT).

The P-EBT will provide electronic food benefits to families equal to the value of free or reduced priced meals they would have received at school. Families with eligible students can receive up to \$365 per eligible child. P-EBT cards were sent out in early May.

Even if your child was not previously eligible for free or reduced lunches, your circumstances may have changed to where you are now eligible. The deadline to apply is June 30, 2020. Please see this link for more information:

<https://www.cde.ca.gov/nr/ne/yr20/yr20rel29.asp>

RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS

The Solano Resource Conservation District and the Walt Disney Family Museum have excellent resources for students learning from home.

<https://www.solanorcd.org/projects-and-programs/education/distance-learning.html>

<https://www.waltdisney.org/education/education-resources>

TESTING

If you or someone you know needs testing for the coronavirus, here is the information to get tested in Solano County. There is no cost to you. If you have

health insurance, your health insurance will be billed. For more information, visit:

https://www.solanocounty.com/depts/ph/coronavirus_links/faq_community_testing_sites.asp

VOTING DURING THE CORONAVIRUS CRISIS

Governor Newsom signed an executive order requiring that all registered voters in California will be mailed ballots they can return by mail. There will also be voting centers where voters will be able to drop off their ballots or obtain new ballots to vote in person or replace lost or spoiled ballots.

The state and the county want to provide voters with as much flexibility to vote while also ensuring the safety of our residents. The return envelopes will contain prepaid postage, meaning the voter will not have to pay to mail the envelope.

For more information, please see:

<https://www.dailyrepublic.com/all-dr-news/solano-news/fairfield/staff-solanos-november-election-will-be-as-normal-as-possible/>

SOLANO COUNTY CORONAVIRUS STATISTICS Here is the dashboard with information on Solano County's coronavirus numbers:

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

HELP WITH HEALTH INSURANCE

If you need health insurance, you may qualify for financial assistance with the premiums. For more information, please visit:

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

CONGRESSIONAL ART COMPETITION

If you are interested in participating in the Congressional art competition, please follow the links below for Congressperson John Garamendi (for Fairfield) or Congressperson Mike Thompson (Benicia and Vallejo):

<https://garamendi.house.gov/services/art-competition>

<https://mikethompson.house.gov/newsroom/press-releases/thompson-announces-modified-deadline-guidelines-for-2020-congressional-art>

JOBS AT SOLANO COUNTY

If you are interested in applying for a job at Solano County, please visit:

<https://jobapscloud.com/solano/>

GRANT FUNDING IN FAIRFIELD

The city of Fairfield has received \$507,084 in Community Development Block Grant-Coronavirus funding to respond to the Covid019 outbreak. Nonprofits and government entities interested in applying should see here for more information: http://www.fairfield.ca.gov/latest_news/displaynews.asp?NewsID=1121&TargetID=2

MENTAL HEALTH DURING COVID-19

Here are some resources for mental health during this challenging time:

<https://vimeo.com/414950584>

<https://www.solanocounty.com/documents/MHMWebSeries2020.pdf>

http://solanocounty.com/depts/bh/wellness_recovery.asp

Thank you for reading my most recent update. Please don't hesitate to reach out if my office can be of any help to you. Take care, stay safe and spread kindness in our community.

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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