



# SOLANO COUNTY

## FY2020/21 Recommended Budget



ON THE COVER: Pictured on the cover, from top to bottom:

- **EARLY FEBRUARY - The new First 5 Center opens in Vallejo:**

On February 13, 2020, more than 450 visitors packed the new First 5 Center as part of the grand opening celebration. Located at 3375 Sonoma Blvd. in Vallejo, the First 5 Center serves as a welcoming hub, designed to spark children's creativity and love for learning by encouraging them to play, learn and grow. Parents and caregivers find a safe and welcoming place where they can receive information and be connected to resources in the community, including basic support services, housing employment, food, health, dental and child support services – all provided at no cost. [PHOTO of the new First 5 Center story-time, courtesy of Solano County]

- **LATE FEBRUARY - County Public Health confirms case of COVID-19 through community-transmission:**

On February 27, 2020, Solano County Public Health officials receive confirmation from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) that a Solano County resident has tested positive for Coronavirus acquired through community-transmission - the first recorded case in the nation - and declare an emergency proclamation. Solano County Public Health Officer, Dr. Bela Matyas, M.D., M.P.H., leads a press conference with representatives from the CDC and NorthBay Vacaville hospital to discuss the situation, including what is known about the virus and how to prevent its spread in the community. More than 35 news agencies covered the event, making local, state and national news cycles. [PHOTO of Dr. Bela Matyas, courtesy of the Daily Republic newspaper]

- **LATE MARCH - All County parks and Solano Land Trust properties close due to COVID-19:**

On March 27, 2020, the Solano County Department of Resource Management, Parks and Recreation division, in coordination with the Solano Land Trust, closed all County and Land Trust operated properties, including Belden's Landing, Sandy Beach Park, Lake Solano Park, Rush Ranch Open Space, Jepson Prairie Open Space and Lynch Canyon Open Space Park. The parks and open space closures came just a few days after a number of County public-facing offices and lobbies closed to the public in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and to reduce the potential spread of the virus. [PHOTO of Lynch Canyon Open Space, courtesy of Solano County]

- **EARLY APRIL - Public Health offers drive-through COVID-19 testing for essential workers:**

On April 8, 2020, Solano County Public Health epidemiology staff and Touro University nurses hosted a drive-through COVID-19 testing site at the Solano County Fairgrounds in Vallejo. Medical staff tested 30 individuals, including first-responders, medical personnel and essential workers who live or work in Solano County, and show symptoms of the virus. Public Health has since hosted several additional drive-through testing events, expanding testing for Solano County residents with symptoms, and for those at higher risk of developing severe COVID-19 disease, including individuals 65 and older and with chronic disease. [PHOTO of drive through testing site at the Solano County Fairgrounds in Vallejo, courtesy of the Daily Republic newspaper]



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