



**SOLANO COUNTY SUPERVISOR MONICA BROWN CORONAVIRUS UPDATE 23 (09/04/2020)**

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**(09/11/2020)**

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I know this year has taken a large toll on all of us. Please remember that we are all in this together and please make an extra effort to spread kindness.

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## **CORONAVIRUS NUMBERS**

Our numbers in Solano County appear to be going down. This may not reflect reality for two reasons: (1) Less people appear to be getting tested and (2) We have not yet seen if there is a spike from the Labor Day weekend. It will take a week or two to get those numbers. We are all certainly hopeful that our numbers are going down and I hope this trend holds for the coming weeks.

If you went to a gathering on Labor Day or have been around someone who has, I would strongly encourage you to get tested at one of our two sites (in Suisun and Vallejo). It is free and you do not need a doctor's referral.

The county and the state have significantly increased our testing capacity. While less people are going to get tested, we have more capacity to test and better turnaround times for results. Please take advantage of the free Covid-19 testing.

Please remember to follow all health and safety guidelines. Please stay 6ft apart, please wear a mask when around others, please wash your hands and please be vigilant. If you are having or attending gatherings (which are not recommended), then please follow the above guidelines, and hold the event outside. Please stay home if you are sick, have a pre-existing health condition or are in the over 65 age group (of which I am).

For more information, please see:

<https://www.dailyrepublic.com/all-dr-news/solano-news/fairfield/solano-reports-lowest-covid-19-numbers-in-more-than-3-months/>

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## **VOTING INFORMATION**

The county will have many options for voting in the upcoming election. Ballots will be mailed to every voter in the county in the coming weeks. You may: (1) Fill out your ballot and mail it in. (2) Drop it off at any ballot drop off location, drop it off curbside (starting October 29<sup>th</sup>) at any designated curbside drop off location or drop it off at any voting center on election day (November 3<sup>rd</sup>). (3) You may choose not to use the ballot mailed to you and vote in person at a voting center on election day. If you choose this option, you should bring your mailed in ballot with you and be prepared to surrender it. If you don't, you may have to vote by provisional ballot. Your provisional ballot will be placed in a special envelope and only counted when it is confirmed you have not already voted in the election. (5) You may download a ballot, print it, fill it out, and fax/mail it to the registrar's office.

There are two options for tracking the status of your ballot. The secretary of state has a website you can use to see if your ballot has been received. You may also sign up for text alerts from the county by texting SOLANO to 28683. The secretary of state will ask you for a driver's license/state id number and the last 4 digits of your social security number. You will not need that with the text option.

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u98CR3wT0Fg>

## **BENICIA COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL (CAC) DONATIONS THROUGH TRAVIS CREDIT UNION**

Travis Credit Union has graciously agreed to match all donations made to the CAC through the Travis Credit Union Foundation up to \$20,000. The CAC provides services to those in need in Benicia. Your gift could have double the impact. To donate or for more information, please visit:

<https://tcufund.org/ways-to-give/>

## **CENSUS**

We are fast approaching the deadline to complete the census information. Our population count in the census will determine how much funding we receive for many vital services. For every person who is not counted in the census, the state will lose \$1,000 per year for ten years. For more information and to fill out the census, please visit:

<https://2020census.gov/en.html>

## **SOLANO FIRST 5 GRANT APPLICATION**

First 5 is accepting grants for address the needs of community partners generated by response to community emergencies. The grants are up to \$7,500. The deadline is September 15<sup>th</sup>. For more information, please visit:

[https://www.solanocounty.com/depts/first5/fundingopps/current\\_opportunitites\\_for\\_funding.asp](https://www.solanocounty.com/depts/first5/fundingopps/current_opportunitites_for_funding.asp)

## **SOLANO COUNTY BUDGET**

The Board of Supervisors will hold a budget hearing on Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>. We will review the proposed supplemental budget and vote on whether to adopt it. For more information, please visit:

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## **COASTAL CLEAN UP**

Here is some information on coastal cleanup in the era of covid:

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*Cleanup after the fires near Lake Berryessa.*

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Our coronavirus numbers are showing improvement. We are still evaluating our post-Labor Day numbers to see if we will have a significant increase. Although we are seeing a significant improvement in our numbers, please continue to follow all health and safety guidelines. Please continue to wear a mask, stay 6ft apart and wash your hands.

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<https://www.solanocounty.com/depts/ph/ncov.asp>

## **REOPENING**

The state has given direction to counties on when we will be allowed to reopen certain sectors. There are 4 risk levels that counties are labeled as. It is determined by the positivity rate and the daily cases per 100k. Solano County is currently categorized as purple (widespread and the most restrictive). We will need to see our numbers continue to decline in order to move to a less restrictive level. For more information on reopening, please visit:

<https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy/>

## **CALTRANS MEETING FOR I-80/680/HW 12 INTERCHANGE**

Caltrans Bay Area, in conjunction with the Solano Transportation Authority (STA), will host a Zoom virtual public information meeting on Wednesday, September 23 at 4:30 PM. The work in this proposal is in the Cordelia/Green Valley area of Fairfield. This will impact the Cordelia/Green Valley area and could impact anyone who uses these corridors. This is a multi-year project.

To take part in the meeting:

*TO JOIN THE MEETING VIA ZOOM:*

1. Download the Zoom app on your computer or mobile device.
2. To join the meeting from your computer:
  1. Visit <https://zoom.us/JOIN>
  2. For Meeting ID type 873-4601-6535
  3. Passcode: 392660 (Name and Email Address will be required to join the meeting)

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4. Name and email address are required to join the meeting.

**TO JOIN THE MEETING BY PHONE:**

1. Call 669-900-6833
2. Enter the following meeting ID 392660 and press #
3. Press # again to join the webinar.
4. Digitally raise your hand from your phone: Press \*9

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## **LAKE BERRYESSA AND THE FIRE**

The water supply for much of Solano County comes from Lake Berryessa. All the Mayors in Solano County and all the Supervisors sit on the Solano County Water Agency. I am extremely thankful to the staff at the Water Agency for taking proactive measures during the fire to ensure our water supply was protected.

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The application for the RAP will open on Monday September 21<sup>st</sup>. The program is being administered by Catholic Charities for the county. For more information on the criteria and how to apply, please see:

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