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Cleanup after the fires near Lake Berryessa.

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Testing is still extremely important. If you have been to a gathering, please consider getting tested. We have seen a decrease in people signing up to get tested. The county and the state have significantly expanded our testing capacity and improved turnaround times. It is extremely important that we have widespread community testing to stop the spread of covid-19. Testing is offered at no cost.

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

TO JOIN THE MEETING BY PHONE:

1. Call 669-900-6833
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3. Press # again to join the webinar.

4. Digitally raise your hand from your phone: Press *9

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SMALL BUSINESS GRANTS

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<http://solanocounty.com/news/displaynews.asp?NewsID=2339&TargetID=1>

SOLNO COUNTY BUDGET HEARING

On Tuesday September 22nd, the Board will vote on the supplemental county budget. The meeting will start at 9:00 a.m. You may watch the meeting online

and you may call in to make comments. Public comment is where you speak on any issue not already on the agenda. You may also show up in person. You can find the information to call in on the Board Agenda. The link to watch it will be posted on the county website under Agendas, Minutes & Videos on Tuesday. For more information, please see:

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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.

RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (RAP)

The application for the RAP will open on Monday September 21st. 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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