



Solano County *California*

SUPERVISOR MONICA BROWN CORONAVIRUS UPDATE 26 (09/25/2020)

Hello Benicia, Fairfield and Vallejo,

Welcome to my most recent coronavirus update. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if I can be of any assistance. I can be reached at 707-784-3031

SOLANO COUNTY REOPENING

This week, the state of California announced that certain sectors in Solano County will be allowed to reopen with modified operations. Restaurants, movie theaters, churches, museums and others will be allowed to open with limited capacity. There is also a requirement to submit written operating plans to the county that the public will be able to review. This is the result of Solano County moving from the purple tier (widespread transmission of coronavirus) to red (substantial transmission).

Our moving to a lower tier is a testament to the work of our residents taking the virus seriously and taking the necessary precautions. As we move into this new phase, I urge all of us to remain vigilant. Just because we are seeing a partial reopening, does NOT mean the virus is gone. The virus is still very much with us.

I urge all of us to continue to remain aware of the risk. Please wear your mask, stay 6ft apart, wash your hands regularly, stay home if you have any covid-19 symptoms and get tested for coronavirus. I cannot emphasize enough how important it is that we do not let our guard down. If we continue to follow the guidelines, we will help to ensure we are all safe.

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

Area Agency on Aging

(707) 784-8960

U.S. Social Security

For more information about reopening the county, testing and coronavirus in general, please visit:

(800) 772-1213

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

SOLANO COUNTY BUDGET

On Tuesday Sept. 22nd, the Board of Supervisors approved the county's supplemental budget. The Board approved creating a subcommittee of the Board to improve the county's equity and diversity policies. The Board also voted to set aside \$150,000 for this effort. Our nation still has a long way to go in fulfilling our promise of equal opportunity for all. I am proud the Board has taken this important step and I look forward to seeing where the county can improve in our diversity and equity policies.

VOTING

Ballots for the upcoming November election will be sent to the post office on September 26th. Our ballots should arrive in the mail next week. Early voting will start on October 5th. You may come to the registrar's office (675 Texas St in Fairfield) and vote during regular business hours in person starting on October 5th. All health and safety guidelines will be followed such as masks and social distancing.

You will also be able to vote in person at a polling place location on November 3rd if you do not wish to use your mail-in ballot. Starting on October 5th, the county will have ballot drop off areas in each city. Each city will have at least one ballot drop of box. For every city except Rio Vista, one box will be located at each city clerk's office. Rio Vista's will be located at the River Delta School District Office in Rio Vista. Today, Benicia was approved to have a ballot drop box at the Raley's in Benicia.

Starting October 29th and through Nov 3rd (election day) each city will have at least one location where you can drop off your ballot "curbside." You will be able to drive up, turn your ballot into the person accepting them and drive away. You will not have to get out of your car.

On election day (Nov. 3rd), you will be able to drop off your vote by mail ballot inside your polling place, you can drop off your ballot “curbside”, and you can vote in person. If you chose not to use the ballot mailed to you, you can vote in person at your polling place.

If you wish to vote in person, you should bring your mail-in ballot with you so that you may surrender it. If you don't have your mail-in ballot with you, you may have to vote provisionally. A provisional ballot will be counted once it has been determined that the voter is eligible to vote, and that the voter has not already voted in the election.

The deadline to register to vote is October 19th. You can register at a polling place and vote provisionally on election day (Nov 3rd)

For more information about where you can vote, how to vote, to track your ballot, to check your voter registration status and more, please visit:

<http://www.solanocounty.com/depts/rov/>

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT (MHSA) STAKEHOLDER MEETING

The Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) funds many mental health programs in the community. The stakeholder meeting is the opportunity for the community to provide input on priorities for funding.

The meetings will be as follows:

TUESDAY

Kick-Off Meeting

September 29, 2020

12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

WEDNESDAY

September 30, 2020

9:00 am - 12:00pm

THURSDAY

October 1, 2020

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

WEDNESDAY

September 30, 2020

3:00 am - 6:00 pm

MONDAY

October 5, 2020

9:00 am - 12:00 am

TUESDAY

October 6, 2020

4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

THURSDAY

Closing Session

October 8, 2020

9:00 am - 11:00 am

WEDNESDAY

October 7, 2020

12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

To register for the event, please visit:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KN8JZKP>

SOLANO MOBILITY FOR OLDER ADULTS

Solano Transportation Authority recently announced an expansion of the Medical Trip Concierge program for adults over 60. This was possible because the Supervisors voted to authorize \$150,000 in CARES act funding to expand the program. For more information on transportation options available to older adults, please visit:

<https://www.solanomobility.org/older-adults/signature-services/>

VALLEJO HEALTHY FOOD EVENT

The Vallejo Healthy Food event will kick off this Saturday (tomorrow) from 12pm-2pm. For more information, please visit:

<https://foodispower.org/event/vallejo-healthy-food-fest-2020/>

HEATWAVE THIS WEEKEND

This weekend, our community will see extremely high temperatures. Please take all necessary precautions. Stay hydrated, avoid activities that will lead to exhaustion, stay cool and stay safe. The city of Benicia will open the Senior Center (1201 E. 2nd street) as a cooling center from 12-7 pm on Saturday, Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday. Please be sure to wear a mask and stay 6ft apart.

VALLEJO ADMIRALS DRIVE FOR CALFIRE

This Saturday at Wilson Park in Vallejo from 8-11 am, the Vallejo Admirals will be collecting supplies for those fighting fires throughout the state.

The number one items requested by the front-line workers are baby powder, baby wipes, sparkling water, bottled water, granola bars, ground coffee, and drawings or cards to firefighters and Cal Fire workers. Please donate what you can.

RENTAL ASSISTANCE

To apply for the county's rental assistance, please visit:

<https://www.ccyoso.org/covid-rap>

VALLEJO TO HOLD DUI CHECKPOINTS ON SATURDAY

The Vallejo Police Department has announced that they will hold DUI checkpoints on Saturday September 26th at undisclosed locations.

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

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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