



SUPERVISOR MONICA BROWN CORONAVIRUS UPDATE 27 (10/02/2020)

Hello Benicia, Fairfield, and Vallejo,

Welcome to my most recent coronavirus update. Please don't hesitate to contact me if I can be of assistance. I can be reached at 707-784-3031 or at mebrown@solanocounty.com.

FOODBANK MATCH

In this trying time, many of our community members are struggling. Demand for services from our local food bank has soared during this difficult time. In two previous updates, I pledged to match all donations up to \$2,000 to the food bank (the previously combined matches equaled \$4,000). Because of the generosity of the people I represent, we raised about \$15,000 for the food bank.

Because many of our neighbors are still struggling, I will again match all donations up to \$2,000 to the food bank. To donate to the food bank, please visit:

<https://give.foodbankccs.org/profile/55348>

To see where residents can get food from the food bank, please visit:

<https://www.foodbankccs.org/get-help/foodbycity.html>

CORONAVIRUS NUMBERS

While we have seen improvement in our numbers, which resulted in Solano moving into a lower tier on the state's list, we must remember that the virus is still very much present with us. Please continue to

**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/Coun
ty Clerk**

(707) 784-7485

Area Agency on Aging

(707) 784-8960

U.S. Social Security

(800) 772-1213

practice social distancing, wear a face covering, wash your hands and get tested for coronavirus.

Testing is free to everyone and is available to everyone regardless of whether you have symptoms. Testing is extremely important to stopping the spread of the virus in our community.

While our positivity rate (the percentage of tests that are positive) appears to be within the range to move into the next lowest tier, the new number of coronavirus cases is not. It is as important as ever that we all do our part to stop the spread of coronavirus in our community.

For more information about our numbers and testing, please visit:

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

VOTING

Ballots have already been sent out in Solano County. I have heard from many of my constituents that the state voter guide (SVG) has not been received. The SVG contains an impartial analysis as well as arguments in favor and arguments against the state ballot propositions.

I sent a letter to Secretary of State Alex Padilla asking him to send the SVG ASAP. The county was told the SVG would be mailed to Solano County voters this weekend. That means it should arrive next week. The SVG is available online. To find it, please go to: <https://vig.cdn.sos.ca.gov/2020/general/pdf/complete-vig.pdf>

As far as voting goes, you will have several options. If you chose to use the ballot that was mailed to you, you may: (1) Fill it out and mail it to the registrar (postage is covered by the county). (2) You may drop it off at one of the designated ballot drop off locations (starting October 5), (3) You may drive to a curbside drop off location and hand it to one of the election workers without leaving your car (starting October 29th and going through election day), (4) You may drive to a polling place on election day

and either (a) drop off your ballot curbside without getting out of your car or (b) drop it off inside the polling place.

Should you chose to use the ballot that was mailed to you, please remember that it must be postmarked by Nov. 3rd and received by the registrar no later than Nov. 20th. To ensure that it is postmarked on by Nov. 3rd. I would recommend you get the ballot in the mail no later than Nov. 2nd.

Should you choose to vote in person and not use the ballot that was mailed to you, you may vote in person either through early voting (starting October 5th) at the registrar’s office or you may vote in person at your assigned polling place on election day (Nov. 3). **If you chose to vote in person without using the ballot that was mailed to you, please bring your mail-in ballot to surrender. If you do not bring your mail-in ballot to surrender, you may have to vote via a provisional ballot.** Provisional ballots will only be counted once it is confirmed that the voter is eligible to vote and the voter has not already voted in the election.

Specifically, for Benicia, a ballot drop off location was added at the Raley’s in Southampton. I wanted to point this out because this location was chosen after the county voter guide was prepared so Raley’s is not listed in the guide that was mailed out.

I would strongly encourage everyone to sign up for text alerts from the registrar regarding your ballot. To learn more about this option or to sign up, please

visit: https://www.solanocounty.com/depts/rov/text_alerts.asp

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT (MHSA) MEETINGS

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:

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>

POOR AIR QUALITY, STAY IN DOORS

Solano County is experiencing poor air quality. If you are a sensitive receptor (i.e. breathing problems, seniors or health conditions that could be exacerbated by the air quality), please stay indoors. The poor air quality is from the smoke from the fires.

COTTAGE FOOD WEBINAR

The Small Business Development Center is having a seminar on how to start a cottage food business. For more information, please visit:

https://norcalsbdc.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_TyF7jVAZRly6CtYKpQIeVw

Thank you for reading my most recent coronavirus update. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of any assistance to you.

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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