



SUPERVISOR MONICA BROWN SEPTEMBER 17TH, 2021 UPDATE

Hello Benicia, Fairfield, and Vallejo,

Welcome to my most recent update. I can be reached at mebrown@solanocounty.com.

CORONAVIRUS

We are still in a pandemic. Our hospitals are overwhelmed, our residents are catching this virus, and we are seeing consumers pull back on activities because of the continuing pandemic. It is devastating to see the impacts on our community.

However, as I have said many times and as we have heard from many people, this is a pandemic of the unvaccinated. According to the most recent data, 77.5% of those in Solano County testing positive for COVID-19 are unvaccinated. Data has also shown that those who are vaccinated are much less likely to have symptoms, even less likely to have a severe illness, and to have a statistically small chance of dying. You have a 17x higher chance of being hospitalized if you are unvaccinated. Vaccines work and they are the key to beating this pandemic.

I plead with our entire community to get vaccinated. This is the easiest and most effective way to keep all of us safe. It is also protecting our most vulnerable residents, children under 12 and those who are immunocompromised, from the disease. Please get vaccinated if you have not already. If you have been vaccinated, please encourage everyone you know to get vaccinated. We are all in this together and we will only success together.

Solano County has many opportunities for you to get vaccinated. The county is offering all three COVID-19 vaccinations at the Solano Mall (1350 Travis Blvd in Fairfield on the second floor across from the Applebee's) and rapid COVID-19

**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**

testing every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 10am-7pm. No appointment is necessary, but you may make an appointment by calling 707-784-8655.

(707) 784-8960

U.S. Social Security

(800) 772-1213

SUICIDE PREVENTION

At this past Tuesday’s Board meeting, the subject of a mask mandate and a vaccine mandate was brought forward. While I wanted both, there was not enough support on the Board for either. The Board did mandate that if a local jurisdiction in the county has a mask mandate, then any county buildings in that jurisdiction must follow it. The two jurisdictions in Solano County with mask mandates are Benicia and Vallejo. I sent a letter to the Governor asking him to implement a statewide mask mandate. Please wear your masks. This pandemic is not over.

NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION HOTLINE

800-273-8255

SPANISH LINE

888-628-9454

I want to thank Dr. Bonnie Hamilton from the Napa Solano Medical Society for speaking in support of a mask mandate. The Napa Solano Medical Society represents over 1,200 physicians in the Napa Solano area. I also want to thank Dr. Seth Kaufman, who is the chief medical officer for NorthBay Healthcare, for speaking in support of a mask mandate. Their testimony, along with the guidelines from the Center for Disease Control, make it abundantly clear that the science supports mandating masks.

DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING

800 799 4889

FRIENDSHIP LINE FOR SENIORS

800 971 0016

The California Department of Public Health is looking for partner organizations to set up on-site rapid testing for employees, guests and/or community members. The state will provide test kits, training, and other support. This is free to organizations. For more information, please contact testing.taskforce@cdph.ca.gov.

CRISIS TEX LINE

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THE TREVOR PROJECT FOR LGBTQ YOUTH

866-488-7386

To read more about Tuesday’s Board meeting, see where you can get tested, our most recent statistics, where you can get a vaccine and more, please visit:

TRANS LIFELINE PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR THE TRANSGENDER COMMUNITY

877-565-8860

<https://www.dailyrepublic.com/all-dr-news/solano-news/fairfield/divided-board-wont-mandate-vaccines-for-solano-employees/>

<https://doitgis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=055f81e9fe154da5860257e3f2489d67>

https://www.solanocounty.com/depts/ph/coronavirus_links/faq_community_testing_sites.asp

https://www.solanocounty.com/depts/ph/coronavirus_links/covid_19_vaccines.asp#Mass_Vaccine_Events

VALLEJO 9/11 SPEECH

Here is the text of my speech I gave in Vallejo on the 20th anniversary of 9/11:

Today, we remember the 20th anniversary of 9/11.

Many of us recall what we were doing that bright, sunshine filled Tuesday morning.

I was up grading math papers while watching the news. Planning my day, looking at the clock knowing I had to get my children up and off to school.

It is after 10 am as today's ceremony began. By then (20 years ago) the damage in New York City, Virginia (Pentagon) and Shanksville, Pennsylvania was over.

What was left, was disbelief, how could this happen, but we came together as one nation.

One year later, in 2002, Sandy Dahl, wife of Flight 93 pilot Jason Dahl in Shanksville, Pennsylvania said: "If we learn nothing else from this tragedy, we learn that life is short and there is no time for hate."

Ten years later; President Obama in his 2011 Radio Address said "Even the smallest act of service, the simplest act of kindness, is a way to honor those we lost, a way to reclaim that spirit of unity that followed 9/11"

Twenty years later, my thoughts are to remember we are one nation.

The Preamble starts out with the words: "We the people of the United States", not I but WE. This is our country. Let us re-learn how to work together.

Let not the deaths of those innocent souls be forgotten.

We, the greatest nation in the world, need to remember that only a united nation, a united people, can carry out a democracy to be a beacon of hope for the world.

TEEN SUMMIT

The Vacaville Youth Roundtable will be holding a Mental Health is Mental Wealth Teen summit on September 25th, 2021. This event is open to all middle and high school students in Solano County. There will be prizes, information booths, interactive activities, and much more. For more information, please visit: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/vvteensummit>

EXPANDED LOAN OPPORTUNITIES FOR SMALL BUSINESS IMPACTED BY DELTA STRAIN

The Small Business Administration is offering expanded loans to small businesses impacted by COVID-19. For more information, please visit: <https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/covid-19-relief-options/eidl>

RENTAL ASSISTANCE AND MORTGAGE ASSISTANCE

A new round of rental assistance is being provided. The county has opted to allow the state to administer this program. To apply, please visit: https://housing.ca.gov/covid_rr/index.html

There are resources to help those with mortgages and impacted by COVID-19. For more information, please visit: <https://library.nclc.org/fourteen-new-federal-actions-protecting-mortgage-borrowers>

BAY AREA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT (BAAQMD) GRANT

BAAQMD is offering an opportunity to apply for grants for community groups that promote better air quality. For more information, please visit: <https://www.baaqmd.gov/funding-and-incentives/residents/community-grants-program>

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN

The Board of Supervisors will be holding special meetings on October 12th and October 19th to discuss the county's share of American Rescue Plan money. This is once in a lifetime money and we need all your voices when we determine how to spend this money. The 12th will be from 6-8 pm and the 19th will be from 9-12 am.

SOLANO TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMS

There are many programs to assist with transportation needs. There is a limited time program where you can buy a pass for the express busses and get a second pass for free. There is also a program where you can get a discount on qualifying lyft rides if you use public transit. For more information about these programs, please visit: <https://www.solanomobility.org/solano-express-2-1-promotion/>

ALERT SOLANO SIGN UP

Alert Solano is the county's tool for notifying residents to be notified about emergency situations. The cities also use Alert Solano. To sign up, please visit: <https://www.solanocounty.com/depts/oes/alertsolano/information.asp>

WORK WILL BE STARTING AT CURTOLA AND SONOMA IN VALLEJO

The site at Sonoma and Curtola in Vallejo will see work starting on Sept 20. This work will clean the property and enable it to be used for future development. The work will be during the week from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm with Saturday work as needed. For more information, please contact the public participation specialist at 510-540-3910.

COASTAL CLEANUP DAY

This coming Saturday is coastal cleanup day. I will be in Fairfield to clean LedgeWood Creek from 10am-1pm. If you are interested in joining, we are meeting behind the home depot in Fairfield. Please wear comfortable shoes (not sandals) and bring sunscreen and hats.

HOME KITCHEN CERTIFICATION

The Solano Small Business Development Center will be hosting a workshop on October 5th concerning how to start your own home kitchen business. I was

proud to get the home kitchen program approved in Solano County. For more information about the conference, please visit: https://norcalsbdc.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJltduCtrD8sEtTZODJcKW1LUag_hllqS0K9

JOBS

SOLANO COUNTY

<https://jobapscloud.com/solano/>

CITY OF BENICIA

<https://agency.governmentjobs.com/benicia/default.cfm>

CITY OF FAIRFIELD

<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/fairfield>

CITY OF VALLEJO

<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/vallejo>

JOBS FOR VETERANS

<https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/613377200>

<https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/613331600>

Thank you so much for reading my update. Please stay safe, spread kindness, support our local businesses, wear your masks, and get vaccinated.

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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