



**SUPERVISOR MONICA BROWN JANUARY 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2022**

Hello Benicia, Fairfield and Vallejo,

Welcome to my first update of 2022. Happy New Year! I can be reached at [mebrown@solanocounty.com](mailto:mebrown@solanocounty.com).

I was so saddened to hear of the passing of Sidney Poitier and Betty White. They both broke barriers and provided entertainment for generations of Americans. Their passing represents the end of an era. Their legacies and their work will forever provide inspiration and entertainment to countless people across many generations.

I also wanted to comment on the anniversary of the Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> insurrection. What happened on 01/06/2021 was despicable. It was a direct assault on our nation, on our democracy, the peaceful transfer of power, and the rule of law. This must never be allowed to happen again. Those responsible for this event must be held accountable.

**CORONAVIRUS**

We are in the middle of a surge of COVID-19. The omicron strain as well as the delta strain are spreading. We have a 30% positivity rate in Solano County (as of this writing). This indicates that the virus is widespread in our community.

Our best defense against COVID-19 continues to be vaccination. Getting vaccinated and booster if eligible is the best thing we can do for our community. While there are more breakthrough cases with omicron than with previous strains, being vaccinated still reduces your chances of acquiring the virus and greatly reduces your chances of hospitalization and death.

Recently, those in the 12-15 age group have been approved for a booster 5 months after receiving their second shot. If you have not been vaccinated or are eligible for a booster and have not received it, please go get your shot. It is on all of us to keep our community safe.

Wearing a mask is more important than ever. A single cloth mask is not as effective against omicron. If you have cloth masks, you should wear the cloth mask over a surgical mask. This is my approach. The California Department of Public Health has guidance on masks. Please remember that masks are required in all public indoor spaces until at least February 15<sup>th</sup>.

- 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**  
(800) 772-1213
- SUICIDE PREVENTION NATIONAL SUICIDE**

The vaccination clinic is open at the Fairgrounds on Friday and Saturday from 9am-4pm. The county will also have popup vaccination events at schools throughout the county. The vaccines are also available at pharmacies throughout the county.

As for testing, I know it has been difficult to find a test. The rapid tests have flown off the shelves and the testing centers are seeing their appointments fill up fast. The hard truth we are facing is that we simply do not have enough testing supplies to meet the current demand. Nationwide, 11 million people a day are being tested for COVID-19.

There are several options in Solano County for testing. There is the walk-in testing center at the Fairfield mall. It is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10am-7pm. The lines are very long from what has been reported to me. There is also the testing site at the Norman King Center in south Vallejo. Appointments are required and it is the PCR test, not the rapid result test.

There are also testing sites that have been set up near the McDonald's on Texas St in Fairfield (across from the Food 4 Less shopping center and the Target). There is also a testing site in Vallejo in Target's parking lot. Both sites are not run by or coordinated with the county.

President Biden invoked the Defense Production Act to provide more test supplies. The President stated his goal is to have a website up and running that will allow us to order rapid tests to be delivered directly to Americans homes.

I know many government entities are closing many in person services due to COVID-19. If you need services from a government agency, please call ahead to see if they are open, potentially taking appointments, or offering services online.

I know we are all exhausted from this continuing pandemic. The last two years have been extremely trying for our entire community. Please take all necessary precautions to keep our community safe.

To see where to get a test, where to get a vaccine, information on the California Department of Public Health mask guidance, and more, please visit:

[https://www.solanocounty.com/depts/ph/coronavirus\\_links/covid\\_19\\_vaccines.asp](https://www.solanocounty.com/depts/ph/coronavirus_links/covid_19_vaccines.asp)

[https://www.solanocounty.com/depts/ph/coronavirus\\_links/faq\\_community\\_testing\\_sites.asp](https://www.solanocounty.com/depts/ph/coronavirus_links/faq_community_testing_sites.asp)

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/guidance-for-face-coverings.aspx>

**SOLANO NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MENTAL ILLNESS (NAMI) SPEAKER SERIES**

PREVENTION  
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SPANISH LINE  
888-628-9454  
DEAF AND  
HARD OF  
HEARING  
800 799 4889  
FRIENDSHIP  
LINE FOR  
SENIORS  
800 971 0016  
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741741  
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LGBTQ YOUTH  
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PROVIDING  
SUPPORT FOR  
THE  
TRANSGENDER  
COMMUNITY  
877-565-8860

The Solano NAMI speaker series will be January 26<sup>th</sup> from 6:30pm-7:30pm. For more information, please visit: <https://namisolano.org/event/monthly-speaker-series-2022/2022-01-26/>

**BAY AREA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT WORKSHOP**

BAAQMD will hold a meeting regarding AB 836. This has to do with wildfire smoke clean air centers. The meeting will be held on January 10<sup>th</sup> from 10:00-11:00am. For more information, please visit: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89789954729#success>

**BRIDGE TOLL INCREASE**

The bridge tolls increased one dollar on January 1<sup>st</sup>. This is because of Regional Measure 3. RM3 was approved by the voters of the 9 Bay Area counties. Solano County voted no on RM3 by about 70%. However, the measure passed. Even though Solano will not receive our fair share, we are still required to pay the tolls. I wanted to make sure you were aware of the toll increase.

**BENICIA ROAD**

On Wednesday January 5, 2022, Solano County had a virtual open house about the Benicia Road Project. The link below has the PowerPoint presentation from that meeting and information about the project. Next week's update will provide more information about the presentation.

[https://www.solanocounty.com/depts/rm/public\\_works/engineering\\_surveying\\_division/projects/benicia\\_road\\_complete\\_streets\\_project/default.asp](https://www.solanocounty.com/depts/rm/public_works/engineering_surveying_division/projects/benicia_road_complete_streets_project/default.asp)

**JOBS**

JOBS AT SOLANO COUNTY: <https://jobapscloud.com/solano/>

JOBS AT THE CITY OF

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

JOBS AT THE CITY OF FAIRFIELD: <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/fairfield>

JOBS AT THE CITY OF VALLEJO: <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/vallejo>

Thank you for taking the time to read my most recent update. Please stay safe, wear your mask, get vaccinated, spread kindness, and support our local businesses.

Sincerely,  
Monica Brown,  
Solano County Supervisor

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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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