



***SUPERVISOR MONICA BROWN JANUARY 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2022 UPDATE***

Hello Benicia, Fairfield, and Vallejo,

Welcome to my most recent update. I can be reached at [mebrown@solanocounty.com](mailto:mebrown@solanocounty.com).

The county will be closed on January 17<sup>th</sup> in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. We live in a better society because of Dr. King's work. I have picture of him in my office with the following quote "I have the audacity to believe that peoples everywhere can have three meals a day for their bodies, education and culture for their minds, and dignity, equality, and freedom for their spirits." These are words for us to live by, principles to act on, and goals to achieve. May we all honor Dr. King's memory and work to bring his dream to life.

**CORONAVIRUS**

The virus is raging through our nation. The omicron strain is filling up hospitals and infecting so many people. With where omicron has brought us, the virus has spread so far and wide that we should assume it is present in our individual circles.

Your best defense against this virus is to get vaccinated and boosted if eligible. Please get vaccinated and boosted and encourage everyone you know to do the same. The studies all indicate that if you are vaccinated and boosted, your chances of being hospitalized and dying of COVID-19 is extremely small.

I know testing is an issue of concern for many people. We are at a point where the virus is so widespread and the nation's testing capacity is unable to keep up. There are testing sites in Fairfield, Vacaville and Vallejo. In Fairfield, the testing is at the Solano Mall and is by walk-in only. The tests offered at the mall are the rapid antigen tests. The testing in Vacaville and Vallejo are the PCR tests and you must make an appointment to get tested. The wait times are very long in Fairfield and the appointments fill up fast in Vacaville and Vallejo.

Please continue to wear a mask in public and follow all health and safety guidelines. We will only get through this together. Many health experts have predicted we will see this surge dissipate around the middle of February.

Many government offices are closed or are operating with reduced hours. If you have business to conduct at a government office, please call ahead to see if the office is open, if you need to make an appointment, and if you can conduct your business online.

To see our current numbers, where to get a vaccine, where to get tested, and more information, please visit:

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

[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)

### **HIGHWAY 37 MEETING**

There will be a meeting about Highway 37 on Tuesday January 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm. For more information about the meeting and what is being proposed for Highway 37, please visit: <https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-4/d4-projects/d4-37-corridor-projects/37-planning-environmental-linkages>

### **BENICIA ROAD**

Please click on the link to read the power point concerning the construction of Benicia Road. Last week 111 folks clicked on the site to read what will be happening to the portion of Benicia road from Beach St. to Lemon St. Please send us your thoughts. Please email your comments to [gcvalladares@solanocounty.com](mailto:gcvalladares@solanocounty.com) If you wish to call; call Gladis Valladares at 707-784-6075. Once the project is started, changes are very expensive to make. If you want the staff to meet with you, please email or call. Construction is scheduled for late Summer or early Fall. I am excited to have this work done. The improvements will enhance the area. I look forward to your comments. [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)

### **FOOD BANK**

To see where to get food from the food bank near you, you can plug your address into this link: <https://www.foodbankccs.org/find-food/foodbycity/>

### **MARE ISLAND**

Congressman John Garamendi invited me to meet with him and the group working to become the developer for Mare Island. I attended this event on Mare Island today and I will go over what information I learned in the next update.

### **JOBS**

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

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

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

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

BENICIA SCHOOL DISTRICT: <https://www.edjoin.org/Home/Jobs?districtID=874&catID=0>

FAIRFIELD-SUISUN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT: <https://www.edjoin.org/fsusd>

VALLEJO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT: <https://www.edjoin.org/Home/Jobs?districtID=879>

COVID YOUTH AMBASSADOR: <https://healthdcouncil.org/what-we-do/programs/social-connection/covid-youth-ambassador.html>

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

Sincerely,  
Monica Brown,  
Solano County Supervisor, District 2



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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.