Milpitas Unified School District and the City of Milpitas Provide Virtual Education and Recreation

Milpitas, CA – April 11, 2020 – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

On Monday, the City of Milpitas launched its Virtual Community Center to provide children, adults, and seniors with entertainment, educational activities, and recreation to pass the time while sheltering in place. The Virtual Community Center includes information on shelter-in-place workouts, mental health, arts and crafts, dance, and more. The City of Milpitas’s Recreation and Community Services is also doing a Virtual Egg Hunt to support social distancing over the holiday weekend, encouraging families to paint or color their own paper eggs and leave them in windows, or decorate the sidewalks and driveways with chalk art for neighbors to find.

The City’s Office of Economic Development also created an interactive map to help support local restaurants that remain open for takeout or delivery. Click here to view the map and support local businesses in Milpitas.

The City of Milpitas is also participating in Silicon Valley Strong, an initiative developed to help the community find financial support, volunteer opportunities, assistance for families and seniors, and tips on reducing the spread of COVID-19. The Silicon Valley Strong effort continues with increased participation in food distribution efforts countywide. Milpitas continues to serve To-Go lunches through the Senior Nutrition Program five days a week.

The Silicon Valley Strong Fund, having used its initial $12 million of fund donations to assist needy families in Santa Clara County, held a fundraiser Telethon on Saturday, April 4th. The telethon raised $272,000. Corporate donations of $2.6 million dollars were also received for this effort. The non-profit organizations Sacred Heart and Destination: Home are distributing these monies to low income households throughout the County.
Find more information about community resources on the City’s COVID-19 resource page.

The City of Milpitas has also received many generous donations of Personal Protective Equipment, or PPE from local businesses and community members. PPE includes face masks, gloves, goggles, aprons, and other protective gear, and is a necessity for first responders and emergency workers like Police, Fire, and Public Works to be able to complete their jobs safely while preventing the spread of COVID-19.

MUSD’s “Grab and Go Meals” will remain available to all youth under 18 years of age, including through Spring Break on April 13-17.

Because campuses will remain closed to students for the remainder of the school year, Milpitas Unified School District is extending the use of EducatEverywhere, a flexible learning program. MUSD has launched a new webpage resource for parents who want to learn more about EducatEverywhere as well as redesigned its parent, student and staff resource page.

Furthermore, MUSD is surveying our community to determine the need to create an Essential Worker Childcare program. To qualify for this childcare option you must be a designated essential worker and unable to report to your position as an essential worker because you have no available childcare either through a licensed care provider, a relative, or another option. Please take the time to fill out our Essential Worker Childcare Survey.

In addition to the existing shelter-in-place order, the County has also recommended everyone use homemade face coverings when leaving home for any reason. Personal Protective Equipment like N95 masks and gloves should continue to be prioritized for healthcare professionals and first responders.

Milpitas Unified School District and the City of Milpitas will continue working together to protect the wellbeing of families, residents, and businesses throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

###

**Stay informed.** Information is changing frequently:

MUSD Coronavirus Webpage: [MUSD Coronavirus Webpage with Updates](https://mUSD.org/coronavirus)
City of Milpitas Coronavirus Webpage: [City of Milpitas Coronavirus Updates](https://www.cityofmilpitas.org/coronavirus)
Public Health Website: [http://sccphd.org/coronavirus](http://sccphd.org/coronavirus)
Public Health Facebook: [https://www.facebook.com/sccpublichealth/](https://www.facebook.com/sccpublichealth/)
Public Health Instagram: [@scc_publichealth](https://www.instagram.com/scc_publichealth/)
Public Health Twitter: [@HealthySCC](https://twitter.com/HealthySCC)
Contact:
Ashwini Kantak, Assistant City Manager
Email: Akantak@ci.milpitas.ca.gov
Phone: 510-304-4968

Scott Forstner, Board Communication Specialist
Email: Sforstner@musd.org
Phone: 408-896-1242