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Milpitas Unified School District and the City of Milpitas Continue to Provide Resources to Support Emotional, Physical, and Mental Wellbeing

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On May 7, 2020, Governor Newsom announced upcoming changes to the statewide stay-at-home order, emphasizing that science, data, and public health will be used to determine safe reopening or relaxing of the order. Local conditions will take precedence over the statewide order, and more restrictive orders or guidelines by a city or county will need to be followed in that area. For more information please visit the State of California's [Resilience Roadmap](#).

Conditional on any entity reopening within Phase II is a "Self-Certification" process conducted by the Santa Clara County Public Health Officer and the State Department of Public Health to attest that specified criteria have been met to approve a Regional Health Variance.

City and School District officials are monitoring the situation and are coordinating plans for a phased-in, gradual reopening when it is safe to do so.

MUSD leaders have already begun to analyze options for re-opening of schools to start the 2020-21 school year. No decisions have been made as there are many variables that must be factored into the final determination. There are three potential paths depending on public health conditions: 1) 100% MUSD [EducatEverywhere](#) virtual learning; 2) in-person schooling with restrictions for health; and 3) blended model of first two options.

The MUSD team developed a new community-wide initiative called "MUSD Bells of CHEER!" to demonstrate that we truly are all in this together. At 3 p.m. every day, Monday, May 11 through Thursday, May 14, the bells at each of our school sites will ring simultaneously in a show of solidarity. At the same time, we are asking all Milpitas residents to take a moment to step outside and cheer in support of our community.

As COVID-19 impacts our community with uncertainty and unemployment, MUSD formed a partnership with online learning pioneer Coursera to provide free courses for local residents who lost their jobs due to the pandemic. Coursera's Workforce Recovery Initiative offers 3,800 courses and 400 specializations at no cost. Enrollment in Coursera's courses is open through September 30, 2020, for individuals who are unemployed or underemployed. Newly-enrolled learners will have through December 31, 2020, to complete their courses. Please take a moment to complete this brief [questionnaire](#) to get started today.

The City of Milpitas has prioritized economic development and job growth as vital to the recovery of our local economy. On May 5, City Council approved the Economic Development Strategy Plan, which has seven key strategy areas:

1. Small Business, Entrepreneurship, and Displacement Prevention Strategies
2. Retail and Restaurant Strategies
3. Workforce Development and Education Resources
4. High Tech and Advanced Manufacturing Sector
5. Light Industrial, Manufacturing, and Warehouse Distribution
6. Innovation District/Real Estate Development Opportunities
7. City Marketing and Processes

These strategy areas will help jump start the Milpitas's economy and aim to create jobs for residents. Further, the City and MUSD plan to collaborate to support the workforce development strategy and will be exploring offering Coursera courses to City staff as part of a professional development program.

While continuing its [No Cost Grab & Go Meals](#) for any youth ages 0-18, MUSD launched a [Free Adult Meals](#) program this week in partnership with Santa Clara County. Breakfast and lunch will be distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis every Thursday of May at four school site locations. Additionally, MUSD continues its partnership with First 5 Santa Clara County to assist families with young children in receiving [baby formula, diapers, and baby wipes](#). Other resources can be found on our [Resources \(COVID-19\) page](#).

City of Milpitas Senior Center staff are offering Friendly Visitor calls to check in with senior members and to connect them to remote, over-the-phone services such as Case Management, Senior Adults Legal Assistance (SALA), AARP Tax Assistance, and more resources. The Institute on Aging offers a 24-hour toll-free Friendship Line for older adults who may be feeling isolated, lonely, anxious, depressed or even suicidal. Seniors can call 800-971-0016 any time to talk.

The City of Milpitas is developing mobile testing for COVID-19 to bring more testing to residents and businesses based in Milpitas. There is currently no COVID-19 testing in the City of Milpitas that is solely dedicated to testing Milpitas residents and the Milpitas business community. The proposed mobile testing model, a partnership between the City and a local company IGeneX, will target the most vulnerable populations close to their homes and businesses and will help

protect our community from the spread of the disease and assist our business community with re-entry.

Milpitas service clubs are partnering with the City to make and distribute free fabric face masks to those in need (maximum two per household). On May 5, the Milpitas City Council approved a donation of \$3,000 towards this community effort. Learn more about how to request a face covering or donate towards this effort [here](#), and find more information about business and community resources on the City's [COVID-19 resource page](#).

All summer special events such as the Summer Concert and Movies in the Park have been cancelled. On May 5, 2020, City Council directed City Staff to create virtual events rather than the annual Fourth of July Fireworks Display. City Staff is developing alternate plans for the City to celebrate through community partnerships and collective activities to show community spirit and pride.

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.

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Stay informed. Information is changing frequently:

MUSD Coronavirus Webpage: [MUSD Coronavirus Webpage with Updates](#)
City of Milpitas Coronavirus Webpage: [City of Milpitas Coronavirus Updates](#)
Public Health Website: <http://sccphd.org/coronavirus>
Public Health Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/sccpublichealth/>
Public Health Instagram: @scc_publichealth
Public Health Twitter: @HealthySCC

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