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City of Milpitas and Milpitas Unified School District Are Working Together to Continue Education for Students and Resources for Adults and Seniors

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With school districts around the country closed, potentially for months, the City of Milpitas and Milpitas Unified School District (MUSD) are working closely to ensure local students still receive the education and food services they deserve.

Due to shelter-in-place orders from the State of California and Santa Clara County, and for the safety of students, MUSD has begun using [Educate Everywhere](#), a flexible learning program developed by its own educators. It allows teachers to continue education in new, creative ways to students, using Google Classroom and other web-based platforms to have daily communications with their students. MUSD's Tech Team recently distributed more than 1,200 Chromebooks to its students so they are equipped with devices to access Educate Everywhere.

Mayor Richard Tran says, "The City of Milpitas wants to ensure the best future for our families and students. This is a challenging time for everyone, but it is important we all follow the shelter-in-place orders to protect ourselves and our community. The great work of our city employees, school district staff, and teachers is allowing our students to continue their education while staying safe."

Cheryl Jordan, Superintendent of the Milpitas Unified School District, agrees, "Our students should be honoring the shelter in place with the exception of exercise and school related activities assigned by our teachers. This is a time to focus on family ties in person, while being creative in connecting with friends and teachers virtually."

To ensure all students have access to the necessary educational tools, the City of Milpitas is working with local internet service providers Comcast and AT&T to identify opportunities for hot spots to ensure free wireless internet access is available to everyone throughout the city. With

free hot spots, students without home internet access can still participate in classes and submit assignments. Additionally, households with K-12 and college students who don't already have internet access through the company can contact these companies below directly to arrange free internet for 60 days:

- Charter and Spectrum: 1-844-488-8395
- Comcast: (English) 855-846-8376; (Spanish) 855-765-6995

MUSD currently anticipates that school sites and facilities, other than the school nutrition program, will be closed through May 1, 2020 in order to help contain the spread of Covid-19. As of March 25, 2020, there are 542 confirmed cases in Santa Clara County. While the [CDC](#) notes that most children have been known to have mild symptoms with Covid-19, there is always risk of serious illness to anyone who contracts the virus.

The MUSD school nutrition program is still active, allowing children up to the age of 18 to have access to no cost meals from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. MUSD's Student Nutrition Team has distributed 20,777 grab-and-go breakfast and lunch meals to families. The SNS Team will shift to [a twice-weekly meal distribution schedule beginning March 31](#).

The Barbara Lee Senior Center continues to serve to-go lunches, averaging 55 meals per day. Lunch is served in staggered appointment only between 12 – 1pm, Monday through Friday. With the recent shelter-in-place order, many more seniors are eligible for the County of Santa Clara's Meals on Wheels program, so in response, Recreation and Community Services staff are reaching out to qualifying members to see if they would like to have their lunches delivered. Case Manager appointments also continue at the Senior Center, by phone only.

All City of Milpitas and Milpitas Unified School District public playgrounds and sports courts are closed to the public indefinitely. Structures have been taped off with informative signage to deter public use, and any lockable courts, i.e. tennis, basketball, have been locked. Courts without gates have been properly signed informing users of the closure. The closure of recreational areas and amenities is Bay Area-wide.

To ease strain on local families, Santa Clara County passed an [eviction relief measure](#) to prevent businesses or families from being evicted during the Covid-19 pandemic. The order will last until May 31, and gives Milpitas residents and families 120 days to pay back rent they may have been unable to pay during the emergency, though tenants must provide their landlords with proof of loss of income or medical expenses related to coronavirus.

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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

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