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City of Milpitas and Milpitas Unified School District Committed to Community Health and Education

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Based on Council direction, Interim City Manager Steve McHarris signed an Order requiring the use of face coverings in essential businesses throughout the City of Milpitas. Face coverings are not required or recommended for children under six years of age, during exercise, or for individuals who have difficulty breathing or have been instructed by a doctor not to wear a face covering.

All businesses within city limits must provide employees with face coverings, and can require customers to wear face masks when inside business locations. The City is recommending residents use homemade fabric face coverings, bandanas, or scarves to preserve N95 and surgical masks for healthcare workers and first responders. The press release is available [here](#).

Due to uncertainty about when cities will begin to reopen and public gatherings will be safe, the City of Milpitas has canceled all nonessential programs, events, and site operations. The City continues to provide essential services like the Senior Nutrition Program, social services support, citywide marketing and communications support, and communitywide food distribution efforts. The City has also launched a Virtual Community Center. The following events have been canceled:

- Summer Concert Series & Movies in the Park (June 19-August 11)
- Summer Flag Raisings (April-August)
- Milpitas Pride (June 6)

Staff is committed to reinstating programs and services responsibly once the shelter-in-place is lifted.

Last week, a Covid-19 testing site for patients of the Santa Clara Valley Medical Center (SCVMC) opened in the City of Milpitas at the Milpitas Sports Center. The testing site, which

utilizes drive-up testing for safe social distancing, is available only to SCVMC patients who have been screened and have a physician's referral and a pre-booked appointment. The City of Milpitas is proud to play a part in helping identify and prevent the spread of Covid-19 as we work to keep our community safe.

Find more information about community resources on the City's [COVID-19 resource page](#).

[Milpitas Unified School District](#) successfully orchestrated [a week of elementary school teacher parades](#) through their respective school community neighborhoods. The parades played a part in keeping administrators, teachers, and staff connected to students and families while education continues with MUSD's [EducatEverywhere](#) flexible learning model. Teacher Maureen Chen highlighted EducatEveryWhere in [this Spectrum News video](#).

MUSD expanded its [No Cost Grab & Go Meals program](#) to include additional meals through the weekend. Pickup remains biweekly on Mondays and Thursdays from four distribution locations within the city. As of this week, MUSD has served nearly 70,000 meals, with about 2,800 meals going out each distribution day per site.

MUSD students have been making headlines throughout the Shelter in Place for their efforts to support first responders and healthcare workers as well as local families and the Milpitas community:

- Milpitas HS junior Isabella Morrison founded Milpitas Gives Back. Morrison was featured in this [Milpitas Beat article](#).
- In MUSD's April 14 edition of [Campus Connections electronic newsletter](#), three different groups of local students were highlighted for forming nonprofits to support others during this COVID-19 pandemic.
- Rancho Milpitas Middle School eighth grader Annabelle Chao's work was published in KQED's [Teens and Coronavirus: "What should we do in the midst of a crisis?"](#)

MUSD also rolled out its new school-small business partnership program called [MUSD Alliance Partners \(MAP\) for Future-Ready Learners](#). Small businesses can [register](#) to become a founding alliance member. MAP Future-Ready Learners is powered by MUSD, MHS Digital Business Academies, Calaveras Hills, Milpitas Adult Education and MHS Workability Program.

MUSD continues to update its [Resources \(COVID-19\) page](#) with the latest information for families and staff during this challenging time.

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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