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### **Milpitas Unified School District and the City of Milpitas Plan for the Continued Safety and Security of Milpitas Families, Residents and Children**

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On April 29, the County issued an updated Shelter-in-Place (SIP) [order](#), which will go into effect Monday, May 4 through the end of May. With updated guidelines in mind, Milpitas Unified School District and the City of Milpitas are creating plans to assist families and local businesses.

Key updates from the new order include:

- The resumption of construction projects;
- Allowance for childcare facilities (up to 12 children in stable groups) to provide services only for people working in essential businesses, within the County's guidelines;
- Outdoor businesses such as garden centers and landscaping are now allowed to operate;
- Face coverings are now required for essential businesses, as a part of the County's required Social Distancing Protocols

The resumption of construction projects and outdoor business should help boost the local economy while still keeping the health and safety of residents as the top priority.

Given the extension of the SIP order, and the loosening of certain restrictions, Superintendent Cheryl Jordan will provide opportunity for stakeholder input as [MUSD](#) plans for different scenarios for the reopening of schools depending on the guidelines laid out by public health. At this point, the start date for the 2020-21 school year is unchanged.

MUSD has partnered with First 5 Santa Clara County, along with several other Bay Area school districts, to enhance [a program offering baby formula, diapers, and baby wipes to our local families](#) at two school sites, Randall Elementary School and Rose Child Development Center. This is in addition to the District's [No Cost Grab & Go Meals program](#), serving seven days' worth

of breakfast and lunch meals to youth ages 18 and under. To date, District staff has distributed more than 70,000 meals, with about 2,800 meals distributed each day per site.

MUSD will host a [ParentSquare Workshop for our Spanish-speaking families](#) at 3:30pm on Tuesday, May 5, while continuing to implement its [EducatEverywhere](#) flexible learning model and updating its [Resources \(COVID-19\) page](#) with the latest information for families and staff.

Additionally, Superintendent Jordan and the Board of Education will host a May 19 special meeting focused on COVID-19 and its impact on our schools. Furthering [Census 2020](#) awareness and its importance to public school funding, MUSD promoted a May 1 [special live chat with a U.S. Census Bureau representative](#) catered to our Vietnamese families.

Parents who work in essential businesses may be able to utilize childcare and daycare, as allowed by County guidelines.

To assist local businesses, the City of Milpitas Office of Economic Development has opened a Virtual Business Assistance Center to provide direct customer support to our local businesses during the pandemic. Staff has received approximately 115 business assistance requests and responded with available federal, state and local government financial and nonfinancial resources. City staff from various departments have been trained to provide assistance in English, Chinese, Spanish and Vietnamese. Business representatives needing assistance are encouraged to contact the team at [BusinessAssistance@ci.milpitas.ca.gov](mailto:BusinessAssistance@ci.milpitas.ca.gov).

Milpitas service clubs are partnering with the City to make and distribute free fabric face masks to those in need (limit two per household). Learn more about how to request a face covering [here](#), and find more information about business and community resources on the City's [COVID-19 resource page](#).

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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