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### **Milpitas Unified School District and the City of Milpitas Offer Community Assistance Programs**

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Santa Clara County's existing restrictions on travel, gatherings including religious services, and social distancing remain in place. Individuals who demonstrate symptoms for COVID-19, come into frequent exposure with the public, or have come into contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19 are urged to contact their primary care physician and get tested.

#### **COVID-19 Testing in Milpitas**

On May 22, the County began testing of asymptomatic patients, patients without appointments, and patients who had no health coverage or coverage other than Valley Health. This has resulted in a significant increase in local testing at the Milpitas testing site.

The increased traffic has resulted in the Sports Center site becoming untenable for continued, high-volume testing. The Milpitas Library parking garage was identified as a testing site, and testing at the new site is slated to begin on June 1. Testing at the site is available Monday – Friday from 8:00 am – noon.

The City of Milpitas has also launched a mobile COVID-19 testing site in partnership with Milpitas-based company IGeneX. The mobile testing program is currently in a pilot period and is focusing on testing vulnerable populations that may be unable to travel, such as those at elder care facilities or senior mobile home parks. More details are available in this [press release](#).

#### **COVID-19 Advisory Task Force**

Under the leadership of Superintendent Cheryl Jordan and the MUSD Associations leaders, Milpitas Unified School District recently launched a COVID-19 Advisory Task Force to focus on learning continuity, human safety, academic achievement, and fiscal accountability in alignment with the District's [five strategic goals](#).

The COVID-19 Task Force is also a recommendation of MUSD Board of Education President Hon Lien and Vice President Chris Norwood as a result of the [COVID-19 Special Board Meeting](#), which was held on May 19.

### **Summer Bridge Learning Program information**

Over the summer months, beginning June 15, the learning will continue for many of our students, as [MUSD EducatEveryWhere 2020 Summer Bridge Program](#) offers extended education opportunities that aim to provide continuity for our students to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally:

- Elementary Summer programs, held at Rose Elementary School, include Love4Literacy, Early Literacy Reading Program, Elevate Math, English Language Development, TWBI, and others. For more details on Elementary School Summer programs, click [here](#).
- Middle School Summer programs, held at Rancho Milpitas Middle School, included English Language Development, Math Bridge and Computer Science. For more details on Middle School Summer programs, click [here](#).
- High School Summer programs, two sessions held at Rancho Milpitas Middle School, are part of our summer credit recovery program for 9th through 12th grade students. For more details on High School Summer programs, click [here](#).

### **New Student Enrollment for 2020-21 school year**

Additionally, [new student enrollment](#) for the 2020-21 school year is opened for all grades, including for our Transitional Kindergarten and Dual Immersion programs, and we continue to accept applications for new students. To sign up your child, please visit our [Enrollment web page](#) and start the process today. The County Public Health office urges parents to complete immunizations for school enrollment now. Immunizations are needed to complete the MUSD process.

### **BART 15-Step Plan**

On Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, BART will begin passenger service within Santa Clara County with the opening of new stations in Milpitas and Berryessa. The agency has developed a 15-step plan for welcoming riders and ensuring passenger safety, which can be read [here](#).

### **Santa Clara County Library**

The Santa Clara County Library District (SCCLD) is working directly with the City of Milpitas and County offices to establish next steps in providing safe library services to the community. Library buildings will remain closed to the public until a time it is deemed safe to reopen.

Future library plans include limited services in stages, starting with library material drop off and curbside hold pickup. In order to accept returns, SCCLD is establishing a system to quarantine returned materials for 72 hours. Currently, no late fees are being accrued, and due dates have been extended so no items need to be returned during the closure nor immediately following any introduction of services. While the start date for these initial services is still to be determined, the Library District will provide updates and timing of each new stage with more details at [scclld.org](http://scclld.org) and on social media @scclld.

### **2020 Census**

The City of Milpitas and Milpitas Unified School District highly encourage residents to complete the [Census 2020](#). Census data plays an important role in funding for schools and funding of city services during an emergency or disaster. The 2020 Census form does not ask citizenship questions, and the form can be completed in under 5 minutes.

The current census response rate for the City of Milpitas is 69.6%, and the response rate for Santa Clara County is 69.9%.

### **Free Online Learning with Coursera**

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.

### **Summer Grab & Go Meals**

MUSD's [Summer No Cost Grab & Go Meals](#) for youth ages 0-18 will run from June 8 through June 30, with bi-weekly distributions continuing at three new school sites. The Student Nutrition Department has distributed more than 200,000 meals to local families through its No Cost Grab & Go Meals program during the COVID-19 pandemic.

### **Drive-Through Food Distribution Site**

On May 16, the City of Milpitas, Milpitas Unified School District, and Second Harvest Food Bank opened a new Drive-Through Food Distribution site at the Milpitas High School. The site will continue to be open on the first and third Saturdays of each month through August 1, and no income documentation or pre-registration is required to pick up food. People will be registered on site and asked to provide simple demographic information only.

Individuals can sign up to volunteer for the Drive-Through Food Distribution site using this [Signup Genius link](#). If you have questions, contact Rosana Cacao, Recreation Supervisor, at [rcacao@ci.milpitas.ca.gov](mailto:rcacao@ci.milpitas.ca.gov) or (408) 515-5762.

### **Contact Tracing**

The County of Santa Clara needs help with contact tracing to prevent widespread transmission of COVID-19. Talents of all kinds are welcome and encouraged, and all volunteers will be trained by the Department of Public Health. The work can be done from home and requires reliable internet, access to a computer, and a place to make private phone calls. The County especially needs volunteers who speak English, Spanish or Vietnamese. The County is asking for a three-month commitment of 24 hours each week. Get started and [apply today](#).

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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](#)

Public Health Twitter: [@HealthySCC](#)

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