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Daily Report: COVID-19 Response Update

The City of Cupertino continues to monitor the effects of COVID-19 (coronavirus). The safety of our residents, staff, and visitors remains our highest priority. The following information regards the City's response to the latest recommendations from the County of Santa Clara Public Health Department, State of California, and CDC. These reports will be released every weekday at 5:00 p.m. For more information, visit <u>cupertino.org/coronavirus</u>.

Updates on City Actions and Services

• With the County's Shelter-in-Place order extended until May 3, the City of Cupertino is doing its best to move forward with essential services and programs while promoting social distancing to help slow the spread of COVID-19. Last night, the City Council held its March 31, 2020 meeting through a teleconferencing service. This allowed major decisions to be made while giving the community the ability to speak on items by attending virtually, calling in by phone, or emailing in real-time.

Santa Clara County Shelter-in-Place Order Extended to May 3, 2020

The Santa Clara County Public Health Department has extended its Stay-at-Home order to May 3, 2020. The order can be found here. The Public Health Department has also updated its FAQ page.

New restrictions include:

- Use of playgrounds, dog parks, public picnic areas, and similar recreational areas is prohibited. These areas must be closed to public use.
- Use of shared public recreational facilities such as golf courses, tennis and basketball
 courts, pools, and rock walls are prohibited. These facilities must be closed for
 recreational use.
- Sports requiring people to share a ball or other equipment must be limited to people in the same household
- Requires essential businesses to develop a social distancing protocol before April 3

- Most construction—residential and commercial—is prohibited
- Funerals limited to no more than 10 people attending
- Essential businesses expanded to include service providers that enable residential transactions (notaries, title companies, Realtors, etc.); funeral homes and cemeteries; moving companies, rental car companies and rideshare services that specifically enable essential activities
- Essential businesses that continue to operate facilities must scale down operations to their essential component only

Updates on City Actions and Services

- All City facilities remain closed until further notice. While City Hall is closed to the
 public, services are still available online at <u>cupertino.org</u> and by phone at (408) 7773200.
 - o To submit requests for service, visit <u>cupertino.org/311</u>
 - For Building, Planning, Housing, and Code Enforcement services and permits, visit <u>cupertino.org/communitydevelopment</u>
 - o For Public Works services and permits, visit <u>cupertino.org/publicworks</u>
- In order to encourage social distancing, while continuing to provide transportation services for those that rely on it, Via-Cupertino will only allow one passenger per van. No additional riders will be permitted inside the vehicle aside from the passenger and the driver. The fares will remain the same and the "plus one" additional rider features will be temporarily disabled. This new policy is effective immediately and will remain until further notice. The vans are sanitized regularly by Via.
- The City of Cupertino is accepting needed supplies for Kaiser Santa Clara for use by its medical staff. They include unopen and packaged: non-vented goggles, face shields, hand sanitizer, masks (N95, surgical, and isolation masks), isolation and surgical gowns, and sanitizing wipes. Donations can be made in bins in front of Cupertino City Hall, 10300 Torre Avenue, or the Cupertino Library, 10800 Torre Avenue. Any items that Kaiser cannot use will be given to the County of Santa Clara for use at other facilities.
- The City of Cupertino's Parks and Recreation Department has unveiled a "Virtual Recreation" webpage. For indoor and outdoor activities and exercises for the body and mind while at home, visit the webpage at cupertino.org/virtualrecreation.
- If you are a Cupertino senior—or you know of a senior—who would like a social check-in phone call or are in need of food or assistance, please call the Cupertino Senior Center at (408) 777-3150 or email seniorcntr@cupertino.org. You do not need to be a Senior Center member to receive these services.
- Some Cupertino businesses, identified as "essential businesses" per the County's definition, are open and can be found at <u>cupertino.org/openforbusiness</u>.