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COVID-19 Response Update

The City of Cupertino continues to monitor the effects of COVID-19 as 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 State of California and County of Santa Clara. For more information, visit cupertino.org/coronavirus.

New

Small Business Grant Program

The County of Santa Clara and the Silicon Valley Small Business Development Center invite applications for the Small Business Grant Program for COVID-19 protective measures.

Grants of up to \$5,000 for small businesses to protect employees, customers, and the public from COVID-19. Eligible costs include:

- Installation or upgrades of air circulation and filtration systems;
- Protective shields at registers and contactless ordering or payment systems;
- Hand sanitizer, handwashing stations, and personal protective equipment for employees (e.g., face coverings, gloves, face shields);
- Construction or operation of outdoor seating or service areas;
- Paid time for employees to get tested or vaccinated;
- And other expenses to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission or exposure

For more information, and to apply, visit svsbdc.org/sc-covid-grant.

Apply for Vital Food, Housing, Utility, and Health Care Assistance

As tens of millions of people across the nation face the end of COVID-19-related federal unemployment compensation September 4, State of California departments are joining together immediately to encourage residents to apply now for other resources that could

help them make up for the expiring payments—including money for food, rent, utilities, and health insurance.

For more information, click <u>here</u>.

State Revises Large Event Requirements for Proof of Vaccination

The California Department of Public Health strengthened requirements already in effect for mega events, <u>announcing that proof of vaccination</u>, or a negative COVID-19 test within 72 hours before an event starts, will be required for <u>indoor</u> gatherings where 1,000 or more participants or spectators are attending.

The requirement will take effect on September 20, 2021 and remain in effect until at least November 1, 2021.

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