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**CITY OF VALLEJO PROVIDES COVID-19 UPDATE**

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VALLEJO, CA – The City of Vallejo and [Solano County Public Health](#) continue to monitor local conditions and circumstances associated with the 2019 Novel Coronavirus, COVID-19. As the lead local agency, Solano Public Health is working with state and federal partners to keep local governments informed and up-to-date on this rapidly evolving pandemic. For the latest information on COVID-19, visit [www.solanocounty.com/depts/ph/ncov.asp](http://www.solanocounty.com/depts/ph/ncov.asp). There is a Solano Public health coronavirus warmline for community members to ask questions or relay concerns about COVID-19, **707-784-8988**.

The City is prepared to activate the emergency operation center as COVID-19 spreads. As of right now, all City services are fully operational. Go to the City's website here for regular updates: [www.cityofvallejo.net/NCOV](http://www.cityofvallejo.net/NCOV).

Community Mitigation

The City has been advised that we are moving away from monitoring and prevention, and into mitigation. We are all responsible for taking part in community mitigation to slow down spread of COVID-19, which will support our health care sector to continue to treat patients without overwhelming the already challenged healthcare system. City recommends posting these [posters](#) in public places as a reminder of what to do. The Center for Disease Control released this [Community Mitigation document](#), for non-pharmaceutical interventions to help slow transmission of the virus in communities, including these tips:

What to do if you get sick:

- Stay home and call your doctor.
- Avoid public areas and public transportation.
- Call your healthcare provider and let them know about your symptoms. This will help them take care of you and keep other people from getting infected or exposed.
- If you are not sick enough to be hospitalized, you can recover at home. Follow CDC instructions for [how to take care of yourself at home](#).

Solano Public Health Department released [Guidance for Vulnerable Populations at High Risk for Severe Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\) \(en español\)](#). These recommendations address transmission of coronavirus within Solano County. We are not impacted by the presence of cruise

ship evacuees at Travis Air Force Base in Fairfield who are under federal quarantine, and therefore are not interacting directly with our community members.

State Health & Emergency Officials released guidance to prepare and protect homeless Californians and service providers from COVID-19, available [here](#).

Another way to show support is by donating blood, as donation levels have plummeted in the last couple weeks.

### Requirements on Social Gatherings

California Governor Gavin Newsom Issued an [Executive Order](#) further enhancing guidelines released yesterday. Among these orders is a requirement on the postponement or cancelation of gatherings at least the end of March as follows:

- Non-essential gatherings must be limited to no more than 250 people, while smaller events can proceed only if the organizers can implement social distancing of 6 feet per person.
- Gatherings of individuals who are at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19 should be limited to no more than 10 people, while also following social distancing guidelines (ie. retirement facilities, assisted living facilities, developmental homes, and support groups for people with health conditions).

Social distancing is a practice recommended by public health officials to stop or slow down the spread of contagious diseases. It requires the creation of physical space between individuals who may spread certain infectious diseases. The key is to minimize the number of gatherings as much as possible and to achieve space between individuals when events or activities cannot be modified, postponed, or canceled.

The California Department of Public Health goes on to report that these guidelines do not apply to activities such as attendance at regular school classes, work, essential services, transportation, airport travel, shopping and congregate living. Read additional information [here](#).

### Vallejo City Unified School District

VCUSD is working closely with Solano County Public Health to monitor faculty, staff and students. At this time, it is not recommended the school be canceled. Custodial staff at every VCUSD school continues to follow the recommended cleaning procedures daily, with extra effort on areas considered high-risk and high-touch. Updates provided by the school district are available here: <https://vcusd-ca.schoolloop.com/coronavirusupdate>

### Economic Impact

The Federal Government continues to provide assistance to state and local governments. While some international travel has been banned, cargo planes are still being allowed so as to continue to promote economic vitality.

Additionally, the President has introduced an economic package to help small businesses, and the Small Business Administration is looking into this issue.

Go-Biz created a [resources page](#) on their website today with more information for employees and employers.

## Resources & More Information

Solano County Public Health Officer, Dr. Bela Matyas, gave an update on COVID-19 to the Solano County Board of Supervisors at their meeting yesterday morning, March 10, 2020. The video clip is available [here](#). **Please note, the video is approximately 15 minutes long.**

- Visit the Solano County [Public Health website](#) for regular COVID-19 updates, including daily case counts
- Visit the Solano County Public Health Facebook page ([@SolanoCountyPH](#))
- Visit the City of Vallejo Coronavirus webpage at [cityofvallejo.net/ncov](#).
- Register for [Alert Solano](#) to receive emergency alerts on your favorite mobile device, including COVID-19.

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## **About City of Vallejo**

*The City of Vallejo, California is located in the Bay Area. The City serves a population nearly 122,000 people with a full service operation that includes police, fire, water, community planning, public works and related professional administrative services. The city is home to a wealth of culture, attractions and events from the popular theme park Six Flags Discovery Kingdom, to museums, parks, music venues, art galleries and theaters. One of the great small towns of Northern California, Vallejo's residents, businesses and City Council are working together to help make Vallejo a safe and clean place to live, work and to enjoy all the attractions and events.*

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