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COVID-19 Resources

Educators:

The Smithsonian Learning Lab has provided distance learning resources for educators:

<https://learninglab.si.edu/distancelearning>

Food Assistance

In addition to the unemployed and those who are most at risk for contracting coronavirus, I'm especially concerned for families that rely on school lunches to make ends meet or seniors who are counting on Meals on Wheels.

Schools are stepping up to ensure students continue to receive meals:

- Monterey: List of schools that are offering pick-up meals: [here](#)
- Santa Cruz: Student meal pick up information can be found [here](#)
- San Benito: According to <https://www.sbcoe.org/>, school districts are providing students with information on where to pick up meals. Seven elementary and middle schools are providing meals and snacks within the [Hollister School District](#); San Juan Bautista/San Juan Unified Schools are also providing meals at [several locations](#)
- Santa Clara: Despite closures, many schools in Santa Clara county are continuing to provide nutritious meals to the community. [This document](#) includes a list of participating schools and additional information

No one should go hungry. If you need assistance accessing meals, but don't know where to begin, **call 211** (free, confidential, and available 24/7 in multiple languages, operated by United Way) or **call/visit your local food bank:**

Monterey County Residents

Food Bank for Monterey County

Phone Number: 831-758-1523

Address: 353 W Rossi St., Salinas, CA

Email: mkendrick@food4hungry.org (Melissa Kendrick, Executive Director)

Santa Cruz County Residents

Second Harvest Food Bank Santa Cruz County

COVID-19 Hotline: Call 831-662-0991 any day, between 8:30AM-4:00PM, to find a food distribution site near you.

Phone Number: 831-722-7110

Address: 800 Ohlone Parkway, Watsonville, CA 95076

Email: des@thefoodbank.org

San Benito County Residents

Community Food Bank of San Benito

Phone Number: 831-637-0340

Address: 1133 San Felipe Road, Hollister, CA 95023



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*Drive through service is available at the marketplace, Fridays and Saturdays, 9AM-12PM. Customers who normally come to the food bank will be able to stay in their vehicles and have bags of groceries brought to them.

Email: marialynn@communityfoodbankofsb.org (Maria Thomas, CEO) or info@communityfoodbankofsb.org

Santa Clara County Residents

Second Harvest of Silicon Valley

Find Free Groceries: Call 1-800-984-3663, M-F, 8:00AM-5:00PM

Food Connection Hotline: 1-800-984-3663 or email foodconnection@shfb.org

Locations

- Curtner Center: 750 Curtner Ave, San Jose, CA 95125
Phone Number: 408-266-8866
Open M-F, 8:00AM-5:00PM
- Cypress Center: 4001 North First Street, San Jose, CA 95134
Phone Number: 408-266-8866
Open M-F, 8:00AM-5:00PM
- Bing Center: 1051 Bing St, San Carlos, CA 94070
Phone: 650-610-0800
Open M-F, 8:00AM-5:00PM

Farmer/Ag Businesses Assistance

- U.S. Small Business Association is [providing information](#) on low-interest federal disaster loans updated as the situation progresses.
- California State Treasurer [google doc](#) for small businesses that lists federal, state, and local government programs with resources.
- California State Assembly Committee on Jobs, Economic Development and the Economy [resource portal](#) for business information during COVID-19.
- National Farmers Union (NFU) Farm Aid hotline
 - o If you need to talk to someone directly, Farm Aid is here to listen. Farm Aid staff answer the hotline M-F, 6AM-2PM PST.

Heat

Many Central Coast residents do not realize they are eligible for [the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program](#) (LIHEAP). If you can't afford to heat your home, call the Cold Relief Heatline at 1-800-632-8175 to find out more.

Manufacturers

Companies seeking to manufacture medical products to aid the U.S. Response to COVID-19: If a constituent company would like to import or produce medical products to help with the COVID-19 response, please send these inquiries to FEMA at covidsupplies@fema.dhs.gov.



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Please include as many details as possible about the request (e.g., manufacturer name, address, product, and model number) and contact information for the company, either an agent in the U.S. or the company itself. If companies have medical supplies or equipment to donate, please email FEMA's National Business Emergency Operations Center at nbeoc@fema.dhs.gov. For additional information, see <https://www.fema.gov/coronavirus/how-to-help>.

Small Business Owners:

The U.S. Small Business Administration has approved low interest loans for relief to businesses and nonprofits affected by the COVID-19 disaster declaration.

- The SBA has published general information [here](#).
- You can find applications for disaster assistance [here](#).
- And if you have additional questions, you can reach the SBA's Customer Service Center at 1-800-659-2955 or email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov
- If you need an interpreter, we are hearing from the SBA that they are available once you call in and reach a customer service specialist. ([Asistencia de Desastre de la SBA en Respuesta al Coronavirus](#))
- If you are deaf or hard-of-hearing, you can call 1-800-877-8339 for assistance.

There's an additional tip the SBA asked us to pass on: *Many business applicants are not checking the correct option when applying and consequently getting kicked off the Disaster Loan Application Portal. The SBA believes this is because applicants are selecting an incorrect option for the type of loans for which they are applying. Sole proprietors MUST select the Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Option, in order to proceed with applying for the EIDLs for the coronavirus. According to the SBA, if you select the wrong option, you do not have to re-register but you'll need to start the application again.*

For additional application assistance, contact your local Small Business Development Centers:

Monterey- Cal Coastal SBDC <https://calcoastalsbdc.com/> 831-424-1099

Santa Cruz- Santa Cruz SBDC <https://www.santacruzsbdc.org/> 831-479-6136

For additional information, borrowers should contact the SBA Disaster Assistance customer service center by calling 1-800-659-2955 or emailing disastercustomerservice@sba.gov.

California State Resources: https://www.edd.ca.gov/about_edd/coronavirus-2019/faqs.htm

Social Security Administration (SSA): To find out what services SSA are continuing and which are suspending and other important information during this time please visit their COVID-19 web page at www.socialsecurity.gov/coronavirus/



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Student Loans: To provide relief to student loan borrowers during the COVID-19 national emergency, federal student loan borrowers can be placed in an administrative forbearance, which allows you to temporarily stop making your monthly loan payment. [Read more here.](#)

Taxes/Internal Revenue Service (IRS): The deadline to file federal tax returns has been extended from April 15 to July 15, 2020. For taxpayers, businesses and others impacted by the coronavirus please visit: <https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus>

Unemployment Insurance

Here are some resources for you to get assistance:

- Unemployment Insurance is administered by the state. Here is the California website, which walks you through [whether you are eligible](#).
- Once you've checked it out, you can [apply for unemployment here](#).

Veterans Affairs: Please call your [VA Medical Center](#) before going to a clinic, urgent care, or emergency room. Ask your VA health care team about the option of care by phone or vide instead of an in-person visit.

Veterans with any medical concerns seeking help from the Gourley VA Clinic in Marina are strongly encouraged to call first 1-800-455-0057 (select #4) to speak to an Advice Nurse.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

California State and Local Resources

- Employer and Employee Resources: [Please find information here.](#)
- Health Department: [Please find California-specific guidance here.](#)
- March 23, Governor Gavin Newsom announce the closure of state parks and beaches to combat COVID-19.
- March 23, deadlines for the Real ID have been extended. New deadlines to be announced.
- On March 21, the Governor's Office released [guidance on essential services](#).
- [Governor Newsom Signs Order to Protect Public Health by Expanding Vote-by-Mail Options and Extending Deadlines for Presidential Primary Canvass](#)
- [Governor Gavin Newsom Issues Stay at Home Order](#)
- [Governor Newsom Takes Emergency Actions & Authorizes \\$150 Million in Funding to Protect Homeless Californians from COVID-19](#)
- [Governor Newsom Issues Executive Order to Suspend Standardized Testing for Students in Response to COVID-19 Outbreak](#)
- [COVID-19 Public Health Guidance for Individuals with Access and Functional Needs](#)



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Rumor Control

- Do your part to stop the spread of disinformation by doing 3 easy things; don't believe the rumors, don't pass them along and go to trusted sources of information to get the facts about the federal (COVID-19) response.
- Always go to trusted sources of information like coronavirus.gov or your state and local government's official websites or social media accounts for instructions and information specific to your community.
- <https://www.fema.gov/coronavirus-rumor-control>