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Milpitas Unified School District and the City of Milpitas Offer Resources for Families and Small Businesses

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Milpitas Unified School District Creates Phasing In Guide for Schools

Based on the Milpitas Unified School District Phasing-In Plan, which was presented by the MUSD COVID-19 Advisory Task Force and Subcommittees at the [August 3, 2020 Board of Education Special Meeting](#), MUSD staff has developed a [Phasing-In Guide for 2020-21](#), which is now posted on our [\(COVID-19\) Novel Coronavirus webpage](#) along with other resources and updates.

MUSD submitted its waiver allowing for elementary students to return for in-person support and is currently awaiting approval. If approved, it would allow us to move into Phase II of our MUSD Phasing-In Plan for targeted in-person support at elementary schools.

In the meantime, Santa Clara County was moved from the purple tier (widespread COVID19 cases) to the red (substantial COVID19 cases) in the state's new tiered system, [Blueprint for a Safer Economy](#). Based on the state guidelines, MUSD will remain in Phase II until the County can go 14 consecutive days in the red tier, and then await word from Santa Clara County Public Health on next steps for allowing hybrid instruction.

The tier modification allows certain indoor operations at reduced capacity that are permitted under both State and County Orders. Movie theaters, indoor gatherings, and indoor dining are **not** permitted under the County Public Health Order. As always, Santa Clara County residents and businesses must follow both the State and County Health Officer Orders, and where there is a conflict between the two, the stricter Order must be followed.

The following businesses and activities are now allowed to resume under the State's framework as well as the County's Risk Reduction Order. Businesses and activities must be in compliance with all industry-specific mandatory directives set forth by the County and State.

- Personal care services: allowed to open indoors with modifications
- Gyms and fitness centers: allowed to open indoors at 10% capacity
- Shopping malls: allowed to open indoors at 50% capacity (previously allowed to open at 25% capacity)

MUSD partners with support services to offer free resources for families

The [California Parent & Youth Helpline](#), as well as online [Parents Anonymous®](#) support groups, are now available free of charge to our MUSD families and team members. These support resources are in response to the coronavirus to provide free trauma-informed, evidenced-based emotional support to parents, children, and youth in any language via calls, text, live chat and email.

In addition, MUSD families have access to mental health care resources and providers through Care Solace. For information on how to connect, please click [here](#).

Food Distribution

MUSD will continue its [free Grab & Go Meals program](#) for all youth ages 0-18 with distribution at each of our school sites between 8:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. through the end of the 2020 calendar year.

The City of Milpitas, Second Harvest Food Bank, and Milpitas Unified School District have set up a food distribution site at the Milpitas High School, operating on the first and third Saturdays of each month. More than 50 volunteers assist on each weekend to distribute groceries to families in need. Distribution began on May 16 and the program has served over 16,000 food boxes. This distribution effort is scheduled to run through the end of 2020.

Since the Shelter-In-Place Order went into effect, the City has served 10,000 hot and healthy lunches to seniors. One hundred thirty-two seniors have also been registered for Meals on Wheels with the assistance of Recreation and Community Services staff. The Great Plates Delivered program has been extended for an additional 30 days and will now run through October 9. There are 74 Milpitas residents currently taking advantage of this program.

Eviction Moratorium

On August 31, Governor Newsom signed AB3088, which was passed by the California state legislature, into law effective immediately. The bill grants tenants who have lost income because of the coronavirus pandemic a reprieve on missed rent and gives them five months from the passage of the bill before they must start paying again in full. The bill does allow landlords to begin collecting some rent from tenants impacted by COVID-19, but if renters declare they can't pay rent because of the coronavirus and pay a quarter of their rent from September through January, the unpaid rent can't be used as grounds to evict them. Any missed rent would be converted to civil debt, which landlords could pursue in small claims court beginning March 1, 2021.

Small Business Assistance

The City of Milpitas is now accepting applications for the Small Business Spotlight program, which seeks to encourage our community to "shop small" and support local businesses. The Small Business Spotlight program will create 90-second promotional videos for fifteen local businesses that will be selected from a lottery of nominees. Businesses can be nominated by any community member, and nominations are being accepted through September 21. More information is [available here](#).

Milpitas-based businesses seeking resources or information should visit the City's [Office of Economic Development's COVID-19 Business Resource webpage](#).

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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
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