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### **Milpitas Unified School District and the City of Milpitas Offer Enhanced Summer Programs**

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#### **City Recreation Programs**

On June 29, [summer day camps](#) will return to the City of Milpitas, with social distancing and augmented activities and structure to allow for safe social distancing and to meet the Santa Clara County guidelines for childcare, summer camps, and other educational or recreational programs for children. Children will be in stable groups of up to 12, and staff are currently training and preparing for the new camp protocols.

To follow these guidelines and offer safe, fun camping programs, the City has restructured its day camps to meet the following criteria:

- Day Camps will be held at Cardoza Park with intermittent use of indoor facilities at the Sports Center for special activities or during inclement weather
- Extended program hours will allow for working parents to safely drop off and pick up their child(ren)
- Individual activity kits will be provided to each child to prevent unnecessary sharing of utensils, materials, etc.
- Augmentation of games to maintain social distancing while keeping children active, and addition of wellness activities like youth yoga and meditation for help with stress and anxiety
- Additional staff assigned to cleaning and activity preparation

Those already enrolled in summer camps have been notified of the program structure changes and have been given the option to be moved into 3-week long camp sessions or opt for a full refund. Camp will run through August 7 before the start of the new school year.

#### **MUSD athletics, music summer practices**

MUSD sports conditioning and music practices will open the week of June 22 at Milpitas High School. The MUSD Athletics and Music programs have developed facility use recommendations for both outdoor and indoor workouts using the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Sports Medicine Advisory Committee (SMAC) Guidance for Opening up

Athletics and Activities, as well as the Santa Clara County Shelter-in-Place Order including [Guidance for Recreational Activities and Facilities](#), [Guidance for Summer Camps](#), and [Guidance for Outdoor Swimming Pools](#). These guidelines allow students to condition and develop skills while practicing social distancing.

### **More Parent Resources added to website**

Milpitas Unified School District recently updated the [MUSD EducatEveryWhere distance learning website](#) with additional parent support resources, as the district continues to support local families and prepare for the Phase-in Plan for the 2020-21 school year. The latest messaging and information can always be found at [www.musd.org](http://www.musd.org).

### **Free 'Managing Summer During COVID 19 Restrictions' Webinar**

On behalf of MUSD, its insurance group, Keenan, is offering a free webinar called "Managing Summer during COVID-19 Restrictions" at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, June 23. In the webinar, they will share mental health coping strategies for children and families this summer in light of COVID-19. Dr. Scott Poland, who has extensive experience over many decades helping children deal with anxiety after unfortunate events, will discuss stress reduction solutions for families. All are welcome to attend. Please register [here](#).

### **Student-led virtual summer programs**

This summer, MUSD students and nationally-ranked debaters, will teach [free public speaking classes](#) online to all MUSD 3rd-8th grade students. MHS teacher and Director of Debate Charles Schletzbaum will be supervising the online classes. Student mentors will go over presentational/speech skills, writing and developing arguments.

In addition, MHS STEMgirls will host STEMpower, a [free four-week virtual summer program](#) for incoming 4th-8th grade students who have an interest in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) subjects. Students will have the opportunity to be mentored by high school students, while exploring an advanced STEM topic of their choice.

### **COVID-19 Testing in Milpitas**

Milpitas's mobile COVID-19 testing program has now tested more than 700 individuals, an important step in a safe reopening of Milpitas and the Bay Area. The mobile testing site is currently funded to run through August 7. Appointments for mobile testing are made by City staff, as well as managers of essential businesses or care facilities with high-risk populations such as mobile parks or elderly care centers. Individuals can also make their own appointment [online](#) or by calling (408) 586-3434, the City's dedicated phone line for COVID-19 resources. Please note that patients with insurance coverage by Kaiser Permanente can only be tested by Kaiser Permanente at this time.

Santa Clara County is also operating a fixed COVID-19 testing site at the Milpitas Library parking garage. City staff will be supporting expanded hours at the County testing site through August 7 to expand the testing capacity. Testing is available from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday. Residents will be able to book appointments for themselves online or over the phone. Learn more about testing eligibility and how to get tested on the [County website](#).

### **Small Business Assistance**

On June 16, the Milpitas City Council approved a \$200,000 loan program to assist small businesses with financial assistance during the economic devastation due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Microenterprise Business and Small Businesses that meet all eligibility criteria may be eligible for loans of up to \$5,000 with 0% interest. Applications could become available on

the City's website as early as July as City staff and partners, Enterprise Foundation and Kiva, work collaboratively to develop the implementation of the program. Further details will be forthcoming in the coming weeks, and more information about this program can be found by clicking [here](#).

If you have questions or need business assistance during COVID-19, please contact the Office of Economic Development team by contacting [BusinessAssistance@ci.milpitas.ca.gov](mailto:BusinessAssistance@ci.milpitas.ca.gov).

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**Stay informed.** Information is changing frequently:

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

Public Health Twitter: @HealthySCC

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