

Coronavirus Disease-2019 (COVID-19) Update

San Benito County Health & Human Services

March 20, 2020



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Updated Data *(3/19/20 at 11:43 am)*

- **San Benito County-5**
 - *2 recovered, 1 death, 2 active (home isolation)*
 - *No new cases reported since March 18, 2020*
- **California-904**
 - *16 Deaths*
- **United States-11,238**
 - *127 deaths, 106 recovered*
- **Globally-236,384**
 - *9,358 deaths, 84,557 recovered*

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Local Testing Guidance

If you think you have been exposed or had direct contact with someone who tested positive for COVID -19 or you have symptoms of COVID-19 you should:

- Call your health care provider immediately.
- CDC current criteria to be screened for COVID-19- Cough, difficulty breathing, fever of 100.4 or higher, and persistent pain or pressure in chest.
- Stay home if you believe you have been exposed to someone testing positive for the virus, even if you are not showing any symptoms.
- Stay home when you are sick, especially if you have respiratory illness symptoms. At the present time, these symptoms are more likely due to influenza or other respiratory viruses than to a COVID-19 infection. Whether you have seasonal flu, the common cold, or something else, it's important you stay away from others when sick.
- Monitor yourself for fever, coughing and shortness of breath.
- Testing of asymptomatic persons is discouraged.
- Many people are experiencing other viral infections such as flu.
- PHS has received many negative test results for COVID-19 locally.
- PHS is in constant contact with the hospital and first responders for consultation and coordination of COVID-19 exposures

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San Benito County Shelter in Place Updates

- **San Benito County Shelter in Place effective March 18, 2020**
 - San Benito County acted swiftly and ordered a Shelter in Place prior to the State order
 - Homeless individuals are not subject to this order but are urged to find shelter.
 - The County and City have received numerous calls on non-essential businesses being open. We ask that all businesses comply with the order and adhere.
 - We are asking the public to voluntarily comply with this order. While violation of the health order could be enforceable as a misdemeanor, that is an absolute last resort. This is not about a criminal justice approach to a public health issue.

Examples of Non-Essential Businesses:

- Gyms and Fitness Centers
- Hair Salons, Barbers, Tanning Salons, Spas, Beauty Suppliers
- Movie Theaters , Dance Studios, and Martial Arts Studios
- Auto Sales, Auto Dealerships
- Amusement Centers, Recreation Industries, Golf Courses
- Clothing, Bookstores, Smoke Shops, other retail
- Bars, Nightclubs
- Industrial and manufacturing not related to essential function

COVID-19 California Updates

Governor Newsom Takes Emergency Actions & Authorizes \$150 Million in Funding to Protect Homeless Californians from COVID-19

- On March 19, 2020, the Governor issued a **statewide** Shelter in Place order with no duration specified in the order. This will be enforced for now by social pressure. The Governor stated that the directive is necessary to “ensure that we mitigate the impact of COVID-19 ... [and] ... disrupt the spread of the virus.”
- \$100 million will be provided to cities, counties, and continuums of care through the HHAP funding allocation formula and made available immediately.
- Entities that received funding through HHAP will receive the same percent share of the \$100 million as they received of the \$650 million.
- \$50 million will be utilized by the California Department of Social Services (DSS) to support local work on isolation capacity for homeless individuals in hotels, motels, and trailers.
The \$50 million can be spent by DSS on behalf of local jurisdictions.

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Federal Funding Update

Families First Coronavirus Response Act

Phase One

- \$950 million directed to the CDC to carry out surveillance, epidemiology, laboratory capacity, infection control mitigation, communications, and other preparedness and response activities.
- CDPH just recently released guidance to local health departments regarding the share of funds California receives (\$41,206,709).
- **San Benito County allocation \$192,291**

COVID-19 Federal Funding Update

Families First Coronavirus Response Act Phase Two HR-6201

HR6201 will provide approximately \$104 billion of additional funding to address the COVID-19 outbreak. The bill includes the following provisions of interests to the local health department.

<u>Testing</u>	<u>Women, Infants & Children Program (WIC)</u>	<u>Medicaid</u>	<u>Uninsured Individual Treatment Costs</u>	<u>Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)</u>
Requires the elimination of any cost-sharing requirements for COVID-19 related testing for private health insurers on both the individual and group markets, Medicare or Medicare Advantage enrollees, Medicaid enrollees, Veterans, and Indian Health Service consumers.	Appropriates \$500 million in emergency funding for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program through September 30, 2020 for impacted families. Includes a provision to waive certain “physical presence” and administrative requirements for WIC.	Provides a temporary 6.2% increase in the federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) for all states	Appropriates \$1 billion for provider claims to reimburse costs of coverage provided to uninsured individuals being treated for COVID related illnesses.	Provides program flexibility in states with declared public health emergencies, including providing emergency allotments to participating households.

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Phase Three

Phase three of federal COVID related funding measures is being prepared by Senate Republicans and is expected to be released Thursday, March 19, 2020.

According to press reports, the potentially \$1 trillion package is expected to include funding for the airline industry and other distressed sectors of the economy, two rounds of direct payments to Americans totaling \$250 billion, and the creation of a small business interruption loan program.

Local COVID-19 Homeless Services Update

HOME RESOURCE CENTER

The Home Resource Center, operated by Community Homeless Solutions (CHS), has taken a proactive role to address the Shelter in Place Order as a result of the COVID-19. Here are a few highlights of its operational plans during this Order:

- **Expand its operations 24/7** until the Order is removed or until deemed appropriately. The regular business hours are from 4 p.m. – 8 a.m.
- The shelter capacity will remain the same accommodating a total of **50 individuals, 28 for men and 22 for women** in separate living areas. Two to three cots are available for overflow purposes.
- Janitorial services have been expanded from 1 time per day to **twice per day**
- All efforts will be done to maintain a **social distance of at least 6 feet**
- If there is a need to isolate a shelter guest, presently, we don't have an available room or unit. We are in the process, **to secure a 2 bedroom unit** which will be designated for this purpose. We anticipate securing this unit by early next week. We will explore hotel rooms if needed.

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Hotel Vouchers

- Limited Hotel Vouchers are available and will be provided by Community Services & Workforce Development (CSWD) by calling 831-637-9293 between the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Friday.
- There is a need for additional funding in the event that rooms are needed for quarantine/isolation.

Transportation

- County Express has suspended the need for token to utilize their buses. County Express is providing transportation for essential trips as defined on their website. Please contact COG 831-636-4161.

Sanitation Stations

- The City of Hollister has placed portable restrooms and hand washing stations at the following locations. 4th and Bridge St., City Hall, Apricot Park, East and Sally (RR Tracks) Gateway Drive, Locust and Park Hill.

Food Distribution

My Fathers House-Food and Supply Distribution, Daily 1-2pm @ Dunne Park 831-801-7775

Community Food Bank-Drive Up, Friday & Saturday 9-12 pm@ Food Bank 831-637-0340

Salvation Army- Drive-Thru, Tuesdays at 11 am @ 910 Buena Vista Rd.

310-753-6520

**All Drive-Thru Service is available to those without vehicles.*

Resource Websites

World Health Organization:

<https://www.who.int/>

Center for Disease Control:

<https://www.cdc.gov/>

California Department of Public Health:

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/ncov2019.aspx>

County of San Benito Public Health ***New Dashboard***

<https://hhsa.cosb.us/publichealth/>



State of California ***New***

www.covid19.ca.gov



Thank You

Questions?

See our website for updates on COVID-19

www.hhsa.cosb.us

Text: **COVID19** to **211211**