

Solano Public Health Weekly COVID-19 Newsletter Issue 5

MAY 15, 2020

We continue to live in unprecedented times. A big thank you to our healthcare workers and essential workers who continue to be on the front lines during this pandemic. Most especially, thank you to all of our residents for following our guidelines, staying home, and practicing social distancing. Solano Public Health strongly recommends using a cloth face covering when out in public settings.

Coronavirus Dashboard

	California	Solano	Hospital Impact in Solano County	
COVID-19 Cases	74,936	410	Currently Hospitalized	14
Total Deaths	3,108	16	ICU Capacity	GOOD
Lab Tests	1,133,906	6,761	Available Ventilators	GOOD

Source: California Dept. of Public Health COVID-19 Dashboard, Solano Public Health COVID-19 Dashboard as of May 15, 2020

As of May 15, 2020, Solano County has 410 total confirmed cases reported, with 62 total hospitalizations, 52 active cases, 14 current hospitalizations and 16 deaths. At present, The ICU and ventilator capacity are in the 'good' range. In terms of the the distribution of cases by age group, 3% of cases fall in the 0-18 age group, 70% of the cases fall in the 19-64 age group, and 27% of cases are age 65 and above. African Americans, Hispanics, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders - continue to be disproportionately impacted by severe COVID-19 disease. This highlights how health outcomes are affected by forces such as structural racism, poverty and the disproportionate prevalence of underlying conditions among people of color.

The increase in the number of cases continues to be driven by the outbreak at the Windsor Vallejo Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, of which most of the cases are people the age of 65. Solano Public Health staff continue to work closely with Windsor Vallejo in infection control measures. With the exception of a large spike of cases due to the outbreak at Windsor Vallejo, the "curve" of COVID-19 cases has stayed relatively flat in Solano County. Our residents are doing a great job of staying home to help flatten the curve.

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Reopening Solano County Safely

Shelter-at-Home Order Extended Until Further Notice

The Shelter-at-Home Health Order that was issued on May 7, 2020 does not have a specific end date to be in alignment with the Governor's Stay-at-Home Order. Like the State's Stay-at-Home Order, this Order continues until further notice so that Solano County can respond and make modifications as necessary (either loosening or tightening restrictions) as changes in the data and state orders may dictate.

Understanding the Differences between the Solano County and State Roadmaps

Last week, Solano County published a roadmap to safely begin the process of a phased reopening of businesses and activities, depending on their level of risk and the potential impact to the public's health. The Governor also released the state's Resilience Roadmap, categorizing the reopening of businesses into different stages. Because there are differences in how the County and State categorized businesses and activities, in areas where the state and county roadmaps differ from each other, the stricter rules apply, regardless of the level of government that issued the order.

Solano County Submitted an Attestation to Advance through Stage 2 of the State's Roadmap

Solano County submitted an attestation to the State that we meet the criteria for reopening additional businesses such as dine-in restaurants and destination retail, including shopping malls. If Solano County meets the criteria and the State approves the attestation, Solano County will be able to reopen these businesses under certain modifications. It is important to note that, as of this time, these businesses are **not to reopen** until the State approves the attestation. Solano Public Health will communicate next steps, based on the State's action. For more information, go to Solano Public Health will communicate next steps, based on the State's action. For more information, go to bit.ly/3cfsrnt

Announcements

Virtual Town Hall- Tuesday, May 19, 2020 at 12pm

The Alzheimer's Association is partnering with Solano Public Health and Congressman John Garamendi for a Virtual Town Hall on COVID-19 and its impact on people facing Alzheimer's and all other dementia. To register for this free event visit: bit.ly/2AoQwtZ

Pandemic EBT cards will be arriving in the mail May 12-22

Children who are eligible for free or reduced-price school meals can get a food benefit called Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) for the months their school is closed. Families will get up to \$365 per eligible child on their P-EBT cards for food and groceries. P-EBT cards will begin arriving in the mail around May 12-22. Families with children who receive CalFresh, CalWORKs, Medi-Cal or Foster Care Benefits are automatically eligible for up to \$365 in P-EBT food benefits. Learn more at ca.p-ebt.org



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May is Mental Health Month

We all are experiencing certain levels of stress as the coronavirus pandemic continues. This month reminds us that mental health is just as important as our physical health. This year, Solano Behavioral Health is celebrating Mental Health Month with the message, "Surviving to Thriving," by offering various virtual events. Check out solanocounty.com/depts/bh to learn more.

The Mental Health COVID-19 Warmline is available to the community for those experiencing high stress due to the pandemic. Call **707-784-8539** (M-F, 8am-5pm)

Older Adult Resource Phone Line

The Older Adult Resource Phone Line is now operating in Solano County. Staffed exclusively by volunteers, the phone line is intended to check-in on seniors age 60 years and older and those living with disabilities to see if they have adequate assistance and resources during the COVID-19 pandemic. The phone numbers have been obtained from the Registry of Voters. The volunteers will not be asking callers to divulge any financial or personal identification information.

Older adults and those with disabilities are encouraged to call **(707) 784-1607** between 9am-4pm, Monday - Friday with any questions they might have.

For additional COVID-19-related resources, visit the [Community Resources](#) page.

QUESTIONS ABOUT COVID-19?



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