



Santa Clara County
Office of Education

Weekly Round-Up

COVID-19

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Message from the SCCOE Superintendent, Dr. Dewan

Hello everyone,

We are united in our efforts to combat this disease and it shows. I want to take a moment to thank our everyday heroes throughout the community that continue to help our districts across the county sustain their core operations. The work you are doing has not gone unnoticed and is greatly appreciated.

While we continue to adjust to this new way of working my hope is that everyone practices gratitude, kindness, and assumes the best intentions. We will continue to grow stronger by supporting each other.

Be well,

Dr. Mary Ann Dewan
County Superintendent of Schools



Resources for Schools and Districts

- COVID-19 Guidance for K-12 Schools and Child and Adult Day Care Meal (CDE) [click here](#)
- The Food and Nutrition Service established a nationwide waiver to support the Community Eligibility Provision while schools are responding to COVID-19. This waiver makes the following adjustments to annual CEP deadlines: [USDA Guidelines](#)

Public Health Updates

CDC Guidance

Emerging evidence suggests a significant number of people may be infected with COVID-19 who are asymptomatic and capable of spreading the virus to others. People are now considered to be infectious 48 hours before the start of their symptoms until their isolation period ends. This makes social distancing and frequent hand washing even more critical.

- [CDC guidance:COVID-19 Symptoms](#)
- [CDC guidance:COVID-19 Protection](#)

Santa Clara County Health Department

The links below provide up-to-date information regarding COVID-19 from the Santa Clara County Health Department. Keep yourself informed by reviewing the resources available here often.

- Santa Clara County Health Department: [FAQs](#)
- Santa Clara County Health Department: [COVID 19-Dashboard](#)
- [Spanish](#)
- [Vietnamese](#)

Guidance on Face Coverings

The Santa Clara County Health Department is urging the community to wear face coverings in public and when interacting with others. Using a face covering, that protects both your mouth and nose, will help to slow the spread of the Novel Coronavirus.



Please [click on this link](#) for more valuable information and guidance about face coverings.

Social Distancing Protocols

All Essential Businesses are required to prepare, post, and implement a [Social Distancing Protocol](#) at each of their facilities at which they are maintaining operations. Please [click here](#) to read the complete order from the Santa Clara County Health Department. To help protect yourself if you are out in public remain a minimum of six feet in distance from others, use face coverings, and wash your hands as frequently as possible.

Playgrounds are Closed

Don't forget playgrounds are not open during the shelter in place. Please review the Santa Clara County Health Department order [click here](#), section 13.



Resources for Families

SCCOE Announces New Online Portal for Essential Workers to Access Childcare

Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) in partnership with county and city leaders, community organizations and agencies throughout Santa Clara County has announced a [new online portal](#) to provide essential workers, as defined by the Santa Clara County Department of Public Health, access to childcare during the [shelter-in-place order](#).

CENSUS 2020

Don't forget to fill out your Census information. Self-response deadlines have been extended, the new timeline is March 12th through August 14th. If you haven't completed your Census there is still time. To learn more [click here](#).



Exciting News from the SCCOE Environmental Education Department & Walden West Outdoor School and Summer Camp!

The [Walden West Outdoor School and Summer Camp](#) is helping to bring nature to students and community with a series of virtual outdoor mini science lessons, stories, songs and take 5 nature breaks! Using their various social media platforms, Walden West staff will keep everyone current on announcements, images, information, video clips, and more! The sparks of fun and scientific inspiration will be limitless!



Walden West has provided hands-on, outdoor school experiences in the environmental sciences, for 70 years, to the children of Santa Clara County. Using the outdoors to teach science concepts while introducing students to natural environments, Walden West serves over 8,000 students during the school year and 2,000 more during the summer.

Social Media Links:

[Facebook](#)

[Instagram](#)

[TikTok](#) (comments and messaging have been disabled.)

[YouTube](#) – The first set of videos on Earth Day, April 22, 2020.

Gratitude

Activity Option 1: Make a gratitude paper chain. Using strips of paper (colorful or not), write or draw images of the things for which you are grateful. Use these strips of paper to form a chain that you can use to decorate your home, room, or space of choice for the coming weeks.

Activity Option 2: “Grow” a gratitude tree. Arrange some small tree branches in a planter or vase. Cut leaves out of paper (colorful or not). Use the leaves to write or draw images of the things for which you are grateful. Hang the completed leaves from the tree branches. Display the tree in a space all can enjoy.

Gratitude

noun

grat·i·tude | \ 'gra-tə-, tūd , -, tyūd \

: the quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness

“She expressed her gratitude to the team for their support.”

The [Uplift Family Services' Mobile Crisis Team](#) provides 24-hour intervention to children and teens in the community who are in acute psychological crisis. To access the 24-hour/7 days a week crisis line call 1-408-379-9085 or call toll-free 1-877-41-CRISIS (412-7474).

Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA)

The Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) is part of the federal government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. For information and FAQ's about FFCRA please use the links provided. [Information](#) and [FAQ's](#)

Meal Resources for the Community

Throughout Santa Clara County there are a variety of resources available to the

community. Please visit SCCOE's [webpage](#) to see local districts' meal distribution, as well as the City of San Jose Silicon Valley Strong [page](#) that has a map of meal availability across the county.

New updates from the Santa Clara County Office of Education



- Santa Clara County Office of Education Announces New Online Portal for Essential Workers to Access Childcare [Press Release](#)

About the Santa Clara County Office of Education

Working collaboratively with school and community partners, the Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) is a regional service agency that provides instructional, business, and technology services to the 31 school districts of Santa Clara County. The County Office of Education directly serves students through special education programs, alternative schools, Head Start and State Preschool programs, migrant education, and Opportunity Youth Academy. The SCCOE also provides academic and fiscal oversight and monitoring to districts in addition to the 22 Santa Clara County Board of Education authorized charter schools.



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