Hello everyone,

Summer is here! The warm weather and longer days provide opportunities to experience the joys of summer. As you enjoy summer activities, it is important to continue precautions to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Utilizing proven risk mitigation measures including masking indoors, testing, and vaccinations can help prevent serious illness.

The approval of safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines for children ages 6 months to 4 years is another layer of protection for the community’s youngest residents. Families are encouraged to check with their healthcare providers for COVID-19 vaccine appointments for children under the age of 5. The best place to get a young child vaccinated is by their regular healthcare provider as they can update a child on all important immunizations and screenings. Parents and guardians can make appointments for the children through the county’s public health department website as well.

Booster shots are available for everyone ages 5 and older. The CDC recommends a booster for children ages 5-11, at least 5 months after completing their primary shots. Health insurers are required to provide free COVID-19 tests every month to every member. Please contact your insurance company for more details about free tests. Households can also order 4 boxes (8 tests) from the federal government.

Neighborhoods and grassroots groups serving as trusted messengers in their communities should consider applying for the state’s Neighborhood Partnership.
Program. This program raises awareness about the importance of COVID-19 vaccinations and practices to prevent COVID-19. Groups may be awarded up to $5,000.

Together, we have can continue to keep the residents of Santa Clara County safe.

We are #StrongerTogether.

Be well,

Mary Ann Dewan, Ph.D.
County Superintendent of Schools

Community News and Resources

Cooling Centers are open throughout Santa Clara County. Find relief from the heat at cooling centers in Mountain View, Santa Clara, Sunnyvale, and at County libraries in Cupertino, Gilroy, Los Altos, Milpitas, Morgan Hill, and Saratoga.

Santa Clara County Library District locations:
For library locations and hours of operation go to https://sccl.bibliocommons.com/locations.

For a complete list of Cooling Centers, please visit PrepareSCC.org/HotWeather.
Santa Clara County Parks will host a two-day live fire training exercise with local fire agencies June 22nd and 23rd, 2022 at Calero County Park. The approximately 65 acre planned burn will provide hands-on experience to local fire agency personnel and improve grassland conditions at the park. The planned burn will be conducted under permits from CALFIRE and the Bay Area Air Quality Management District. Temporary trail closures have been posted and will remain in effect through June 23.

Families searching for programs can visit enrollsantaclara.org to find local child care and preschool programs, or to find school enrollment resources to learn how to enroll in preschool, TK and kindergarten in Santa Clara County schools.

Read more about transitional kindergarten here.
The State of California has expanded the eligibility for mortgage assistance to homeowners who have been impacted by the COVID pandemic. Homeowners who missed payments in 2022 are now eligible. Previously, the program was only open to those who missed payments in December 2021 or earlier.

Homeowners can also now get assistance for past due property taxes. In order to be eligible, homeowners must make 150% or less of a county's median income.

You can find more information, including an income eligibility calculator, by visiting CaMortgageRelief.org or calling 888-840-2594.

Neighbors In Community invites you to a Summer Resource Fair on Friday, June 24, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Several Santa Clara County agencies, nonprofits, and organizations as we bring awareness to the resources in our community. RSVP at tinyurl.com/NeighborsInCommunity to reserve your swag bag.

Neighbors In Community lo invita a nuestra Feria de Recursos de Verano el 24 de junio, de 11 am a 2 pm. ¡Nos acompañarán varias agencias, organizaciones sin fines de lucro y organizaciones del condado de Santa Clara a medida que creamos conciencia sobre los recursos en nuestra comunidad! Confirma tu asistencia en tinyurl.com/NeighborsInCommunity para reservar tu bolsa de regalos.
San Jose Public Library members can request to borrow a Chromebook with a web filter, that features a built-in Wi-Fi hotspot and 14-inch screen from the library catalog.

For more information, visit sjpl.org/chromebooks. Apply to be a member for free at sjpl.org/membership
"East Side Dreams: The Untold Story of East San José" exhibit will couple stories both remembered and forgotten through images and artifacts ESSJ. Plus, community members, activists, and scholars will share their insights into East San José history at two associated panel events.

This exhibit will be on display from July 1 to September 24, 2022, at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library, and is in collaboration with SJSU King Library's Africana, Asian American, Chicano, & Native American Studies Center.

Learn more about the exhibit and the release of a new, limited edition library card! [https://conta.cc/3mS085u](https://conta.cc/3mS085u)

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**Call for Art Entries**

Deadline is August 31, 2022
Join the Mountain View Public Library as they welcome author, Vanessa Hua. She will discuss her latest novel, Forbidden City.

Register to attend:
https://mountainview.libcal.com/event/9142131

Starlight Cinemas of the season is happening Saturday, June 25 with The Secret Life of Pets 2! Bring your blanket or lawn chair and enjoy a movie under the stars.
Grab to-go from a downtown restaurant or the onsite food truck, 3 Hermanos.

The movie will begin at dusk around 8:45pm.

Attend the third meeting of City of Santa Clara's Homelessness Taskforce!
The City of Santa Clara, having endorsed the Santa Clara County Community Plan to End Homelessness, has convened a Homelessness Taskforce to identify priorities and provide recommendations related to the development of a City Plan to End Homelessness.

Thursday, June 23rd from 6 - 8 p.m.
Register for the meeting: https://bit.ly/3zzCNNz

District News and Resources

Adult Social Emotional Learning Professional Learning Network
In partnership, the Santa Clara County Office of Education and the HEARD Alliance invites you to join a five-part professional learning network series beginning Thursday, July 28 from 3:30-5 p.m. This series will teach participants about strengthening adult social emotional learning competencies and capabilities using researched-based practices.

For details about the series, please contact Corrine Frese by sending an email to cfrese@sccoe.org
Looking for a book to kick off the year with staff or students? The Magical Yet, by Angela DiTerlizzi, is a great story of overcoming struggles and believing in the power and promise of what is "yet" to come.

The California Department of Education has created a Task Force and Programs to Support Black Student Achievement that will work to "... close learning gaps that have grown during the pandemic and to address the socio-economic needs of Black students and all students." Arts education helps to fill in these gaps and Create CA is working to make sure that every student in the state has equal access to the life-saving benefits of the arts.

To learn more about this initiative, check out this press release: https://www.cde.ca.gov/nr/ne/yr21/yr21rel91.asp.
Grant Opportunities for Educators

Health & Wellness

COVID vaccines for children ages 6 months to 4 years are here!
Get your child vaccinated!

COVID Vaccinations for Young Children
Talk to your child's doctor today to ask for the vaccine. Your child's doctor can vaccinate them for COVID-19 and make sure they are up to date on other immunizations. If your child does not have a regular doctor, call (866) 967-4677 for assistance enrolling in government programs or health coverage.

Did you know undetected vision or dental hygiene can lead to problems with social development, and difficulty in learning to read? The Healthier Kids Foundation will be
offering FREE eye exams and dental screenings for children 6 months to 18 years old at Bascom Library on Wednesday, June 22 from 2-3 p.m. No insurance required. All are welcome!

For details, please visit https://sjpl.bibliocommons.com/.../62aa765b5b15b17593ea80b7

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HEAT-RELATED ILLNESSES

Stay cool, hydrated, and informed to prevent heat-related illnesses.

- Heat stroke
- Heat exhaustion
- Heat cramps
- Sunburn
- Heat rash

Prepare for a hot summer. Plan to stay cool, hydrated, and informed to prevent heat-related illness. bit.ly/2sklxsi

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Announcements

News Release:

- No new announcements this week.

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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. For more information about the Santa Clara County Office of Education, please visit www.sccoe.org.

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