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## COVID-19 Response Update

The City of Cupertino continues to monitor the effects of COVID-19 as the safety of our residents, staff, and visitors remains our highest priority. The following information regards the City's response to the latest recommendations from the County of Santa Clara Public Health Department. For more information, visit [cupertino.org/coronavirus](http://cupertino.org/coronavirus).

### **New**

#### **County of Santa Clara Moves Into State's Orange Tier - Revised Risk Reduction Order Will Allow Resumption of Additional Businesses and Activities Starting Today**

The County of Santa Clara moved into the State of California's Orange Tier (Tier 3). The Public Health Officer's new Revised Risk Reduction Order (issued October 5) went into effect today at 12:01 a.m. Changes include allowing indoor dining and indoor gatherings, with limitations, and capacity increases for museums, zoos, and retail operations.

The fact that these additional activities and capacity are now allowed should not be construed as implying such activities are safe. COVID-19 continues to pose a serious risk throughout our County. Everyone must remain cautious, maintain social distance, wear a face covering, and move activities outdoors when possible.

While the County is moving into a new tier, there are differences between what the State allows and what the County permits. Unless otherwise indicated in the local health order, all County businesses and activities can resume to the extent allowed under the Orange tier. The following business categories are now allowed to be open indoors with the following capacity limitations:

- Outdoor gatherings of up to 200 people and indoor gatherings of up to 25% capacity or 100 people, whichever is fewer. This includes movie theaters, churches, cultural ceremonies. The state generally prohibits other gatherings.

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- Indoor dining up to 25% capacity or 100 people, whichever is fewer.
- Indoor museums and zoos up to 50% capacity
- College sports activities without fans following County and State requirements
- No capacity limitation for malls and other retail businesses.

More information on the local health order is available in the [Executive Summary](#) and [Revised Risk Reduction Order](#).

For more information about the state framework, visit [covid19.ca.gov](https://covid19.ca.gov). For more information on the local public health order and directives, visit [www.sccgov.org/coronavirus](http://www.sccgov.org/coronavirus).

### **COVID-19 Testing Appointments Available at Cupertino Senior Center for Wednesday, October 21**

Appointments are now available for the upcoming COVID-19 Test Site at Cupertino Senior Center, 21251 Stevens Creek Boulevard, on October 21, 2020. Appointments can be made from 9:30 a.m. through 3:45 p.m.

Appointments are available for everyone--you do not need to be a senior or a member of the Senior Center.

The test site at Cupertino Senior Center is designed for people without symptoms. If you or a person looking for a COVID-19 test have symptoms, contact your health care provider.

Access the appointment site at [www.sccfreetest.org](http://www.sccfreetest.org) or directly at <https://scl.fulgentgenetics.com/appointment>.

### **Virtual Meetings and Events**

#### **Council and Commission Meetings Being Held Online**

Due to the ongoing Shelter-in-Place Order, City Council and Commission meetings will be held through teleconference moving forward. This week's teleconference meetings include:

Thursday, October 15  
[Sustainability Commission](#)

Saturday, October 18  
[Info-Teeno: Financial Preparedness Webinar Series](#)

Tuesday, October 20  
[City Council](#)