

## **COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ**

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## Press Release

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## COMMUNITY COVID-19 RESOURCES

To help assist the community in answering questions about the COVID-19 outbreak, the County of Santa Cruz has established a call center to help direct questions to the proper channels. If you have questions, please call (831) 454-4242 between the hours of 8 a.m.6 p.m., Monday-Friday.

Due to overwhelming call volume and in order to maintain the County's ability to investigate and respond to the outbreak, members of the public are being asked to refrain from calling the County's Public Health Division or the Communicable Disease Unit. Information about COVID-19 can be found at <u>www.santacruzhealth.org/coronavirus</u>, including English and Spanish FAQs on the shelter-in-place order, guidance for businesses and community organizations and information on how to protect you and your family.

In response to likely economic impacts due to the outbreak, the Santa Cruz County Office for Economic Development, in conjunction with the Workforce Development Board and Small Business Development Center, is hosting a FREE Webinar to provide current information, guidance and resources for local businesses. The Zoom webinar will be held Friday at 3 p.m., is available at <u>https://zoom.us/j/589373809</u>, and will also be shown on CommunityTV and streamed on the County's <u>Facebook page</u>.

For students engaged in remote learning or residents working from home during the shelter-in-place order, a group of community volunteers has established a clearinghouse for providing support to individuals who need assistance with networking or technical issues. Individuals willing to volunteer their time assisting the community are also being sought. Visit <u>https://www.cruz.one</u> for more.

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, many vulnerable community members are likely to experience potentially significant impacts to their well-being and livelihoods. Community Foundation Santa Cruz County has established a fund to raise money for public health and to support vulnerable residents. Donations are encouraged at <u>https://www.cfscc.org/donate/COVID</u>.