

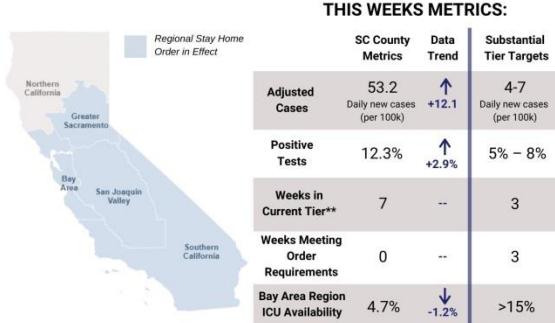
City Manager's Weekly Update

January 15, 2021

Economic Development

Bay Area Regional Stay Home Order Remains In Effect

BAY AREA REGIONAL STAY HOME ORDER IN EFFECT CURRENT STATUS AS OF 01/12/21



**These orders will remain in effect for at least 3 weeks. After that period, they will be lifted when a region's projected ICU capacity meets or exceeds 15%. This will be assessed on a weekly basis after the initial 3 week period.

BUSINESS OPERATIONS UNDER THE STAY AT HOME ORDER

Temporary Closures

- Indoor recreational facilities
- Hair salons/barbershops
- Personal care services & Limited services
- Museums, zoos, and aquariums
- Movie theaters
- Wineeries, Bars, Breweries, and Distilleries
- Family entertainment centers
- Cardrooms and satellite wagering
- Live audience sports
- Amusement parks

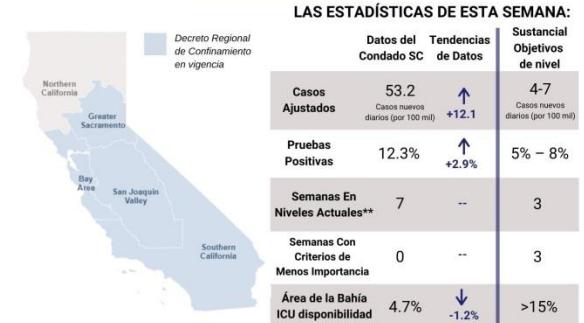
Open With Modifications and 100% Masking

- Critical Infrastructure
- Outdoor playgrounds
- Shopping centers at 20% Capacity
- Offices for critical infrastructure when remote work not possible
- Childcare, pre-K schools
- Non-urgent medical and dental care
- Retail at 20% Capacity
- Grocery Stores at 35% Capacity
- Restaurants with Take-Out/Delivery Only
- Hotels and lodging for critical infrastructure support only
- Places of worship and political expression outdoors only

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LEARN MORE ABOUT THE BLUEPRINT FOR A SAFER ECONOMY AT COVID19.CA.GOV
Produced and Distributed by the Economic Recovery Council of Santa Cruz County

ORDEN REGIONAL DE PERMANENCIA EN EL HOGAR DEL ÁREA DE LA BAHÍA EN EFECTO ESTADO ACTUAL A PARTIR DEL 12/01/21



**Estas órdenes permanecerán en vigor al menos 3 semanas. Después de ese periodo, se levantarán cuando la capacidad proyectada de las ICU de una región alcance o exceda el 15%. Esta será periódicamente después del periodo inicial de 3 semanas.

CAMBIOS EN EL DECRETO DE CONFINAMIENTO Cierres temporales

- Instalaciones recreativas interiores
- Bares, vineries, cervecerías
- Peluquerías/barberías
- Servicios Personales y Servicios limitados
- Museos, zoológicos, y acuarios
- Salas de cine
- Centros de Entretenimiento Familiar
- Salas de cartas y apuestas por satélite
- Deportes de audiencia en vivo
- Parques de atracciones

Abierto con modificaciones

- Infraestructura crítica
- Parques infantiles exteriores
- Centros comerciales (malls, centros de destinación, feria) con max capacidad de 20%
- Oficinas para infraestructura crítica cuando el trabajo remoto no es posible
- Cuidado de niños, prekinder, escuelas
- Atención médica y dental no urgente
- Minoristas al 20% de capacidad
- Supermercados al 35% de capacidad
- Restaurantes únicamente con comida para llevar/entrega a domicilio
- Hoteles y alojamiento solo para soporte de infraestructura crítica
- Lugares de adoración y expresión política solo al aire libre

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MÁS INFORMACIÓN SOBRE EL PLAN PARA UNA ECONOMÍA MÁS SEGURA EN COVID19.CA.GOV
Producido y distribuido por el Consejo de Recuperación Económica del Condado de Santa Cruz

The County remains under the Bay Area Region Stay Home Order as the region's ICU capacity continues to fall and new cases continue to rise in the County.

This week's COVID-19 status report shows ICU availability at just 4.7% for the region. We see cases continue to rise with a large spike this week to 53.2 adjusted daily cases per 100 thousand residents and a seven-day average test positivity rate of 12.3%.

We continue to encourage the community to safely support our local businesses by ordering takeout and delivery, shopping from local businesses online, or calling ahead for curbside pick-up and purchasing gift cards. It's on all of us to slow the spread of COVID-19 in our community. For more information about the State's Regional Stay Home Order, visit www.covid19.ca.gov. For information about vaccine distribution, please visit the County's website here.

California Small Business Covid-19 Relief Grant Program Application Second Round Opening February 2

California Relief Grant Program

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The State reports more than 300,000 applications were completed for the California Relief Grant Program's first round. Application approval notifications will be sent out Friday, Jan. 15 through Friday, Jan. 22, and funds will be disbursed over a 45-day verification period beginning Friday, Jan. 22.

A second round of applications will open at 8 a.m. Feb. 2 and will run through 6 p.m. Feb. 8. Applicants who submitted all necessary documents in the first round and met eligibility requirements, but did not receive a grant, do not need to reapply; their applications will be rolled over for consideration in the second round. Learn more about the program at www.careliefgrant.com.

For one-on-one assistance with the application, please contact our local Santa Cruz Small Business Development Center at www.santacruzbdc.org or (831) 479-6136.

PPP Program Reopens With Additional Funding

The U.S. Small Business Administration, in consultation with the U.S. Treasury Department, will reopen the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan portal to PPP-eligible lenders with \$1 billion or less in assets for First and Second Draw applications on Friday, Jan. 15, 2021, at 9 a.m. ET. The portal will fully open on Tuesday, January 19, 2021, to all participating PPP lenders to submit First and Second Draw loan applications to SBA. Earlier in the week, SBA granted dedicated PPP access to Community Financial Institutions (CFIs), which include Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs), Minority Depository Institutions (MDIs), Certified Development Companies (CDCs), and Microloan Intermediaries as part of the agency's ongoing efforts to reach underserved and minority small businesses. On Friday, SBA will continue emphasizing reaching smaller lenders and businesses by opening to approximately 5,000 more lenders, including community banks, credit unions, and farm credit institutions. Moreover, the agency also plans to have dedicated service hours for these smaller lenders after the portal fully reopens next week. [Learn more.](#)

If businesses need PPP funding but do not have a relationship with a bank offering the program, please reach out to Business Liaison Rebecca Unitt at runitt@cityofsantacruz.com to be connected with our partner lender National Development Council for support in applying for funding.

Infrastructure & Property Development | Wayfinding Project Nearing Completion

The Citywide Wayfinding project is quickly nearing completion. Most of the 370+ gateway, vehicular, parking, and pedestrian signs have been installed across the City. The last batch of signs scheduled to be installed Jan. 17-25 includes a gateway sign at Mission Street and Swift Street and parking signage in the Downtown. Economic Development staff will work with the contractor to close out the project by the end of the month and then transition the program to Public Works to maintain the signage system.



Housing Development & Preservation | Highlights From Housing

Applications for CDBG and HOME HUD funding for the 2021-2022 Action Plan closed on Friday, Jan. 8. The application deadline for incomplete applications was extended through Jan. 15. Housing staff will evaluate applications for completeness and eligibility, then provide a technical ranking based on HUD regulations and best practices. Applications will be reviewed in the upcoming Community Programs Committee (CPC) meeting to be scheduled in February. The HUD funding amounts are not yet known.

Monitoring requests for Owner-Occupied ADUs were sent out in mid-December and are due Jan. 15. Of the slightly under 500 requested, about 250 responses have been received via email and hard-copy. The housing team is working toward creating an online monitoring process next year to begin transitioning monitoring online for Measure O rentals, Owner-Occupied ADUS, Affordable ADUs, and other City monitored properties.

The Housing Division worked with the Planning Department to provide background information and help bring the upcoming council item for AB 2162 approval of the housing projects at Calvary Church and North Pacific Metro Station. This is set for Jan. 26.

Library



Check Out the Internet and a Computer!

Tech Take-Out is a new lendable collection of tech devices that can be checked out by people who don't have access at home. The collection includes Amazon Fire 7 Tablets, Chromebook laptops, WiFi Hotspots, and Chromebook + Hotspot bundles. The collection will be available for checkout starting Tuesday, Jan. 19.

Library cardholders can visit the [catalog](#) or use our mobile app to search for and request any devices or bundles by name. For example, a keyword search for “fire tablet” or “hotspot” will work. Once the devices are on hold at the chosen library branch, they can be picked up at regular Grab & Go lobby service hours. Borrowers must be 18 years or older, and a lending agreement must be signed. The checkout period is three weeks, just like all other library materials. Instructional guides in English and Spanish are available.

With our buildings closed, access to computers and the internet has been a challenge for many who rely on the library. While we have strong WiFi signals at our five Grab & Go Branches for those who already have devices, we knew we needed to do more. A separate collection of these devices will also be loaned out to partner organizations with close connections to individuals without access to the internet and computers. We hope this new collection will be a step in the right direction toward expanding access to the internet and computing for our community.

Parks and Recreation

2021 Winter/Spring Registration



Parks and Recreation had a successful first day of Winter/Spring class registration this Monday, January 11th. Our Skatedogs Skateboarding class was very successful, with three classes filling the first day. This popular class, along with all our in-person classes, follows all current State guidelines with safety in mind. We are happy to offer recreation opportunities virtually and in-person to our community.

You can register online at cityofsantacruz.com/register and by phone. In-person registration is available by appointment only. Call (831) 420-5270 to make an appointment. Friends of Parks and Recreation (FOPAR) Scholarships are available throughout the winter/spring season for City of Santa Cruz residents. [Learn more.](#)

Be sure to look through the new interactive Winter/Spring Activity Guide at SantaCruzParksAndRec.com.

Planning and Community Development

415 Natural Bridges

On Nov. 24, 2020, the Planning Department received an application from the Housing Authority of the County of Santa Cruz for Preapplication review of a 20 unit, 100 percent affordable housing development with 20 Single Room Occupancy (SRO) units to be constructed within a three-story building on a vacant lot located at 415 Natural Bridges Drive. In addition to Coastal and Design Permits, the applicant is considering using the State Density Bonus law or a Planned Development Permit to allow for the construction of SROs in the R-L zone district to allow for other site development variations. The level of review and CEQA document will be based on the permits required for the project. This project is considered a Medium Development Project pursuant to the Community Outreach Policy for Planning

Projects. The applicant will be required to hold a community meeting during the Preapplication review. Clara Stanger is the Planner for this project.



Public Works

Operations

In December, the cleanup behind the cemetery was successfully completed: approximately 41.74 tons of mixed garbage and metals were safely abated from the San Lorenzo River flood zone area. This project's total cost was \$60,224 (contractor cleanup cost over nine days was \$53,553 plus \$6,671 in dumping fees).



In November, the cleanup behind the Metro was successfully completed: approximately 14.85 tons of mixed garbage and metals were safely abated from the San Lorenzo River. This project's total cost was \$18,904 (contractor cleanup cost over three days was \$15,600 plus \$3,304 in dumping fees).



Streets

Crews have been addressing minor street and sidewalk repairs, as well as sign repairs citywide. Three days per week, the crews continue to address illegal dumping sites in the City's right of way from tent and vehicle encampments. Crews assisted PD in removing a burned-out golf cart that was reported at San Lorenzo Blvd/Riverside.



Facilities

Failing HVAC equipment was replaced at the NIAC building.



Two projects will start the week of Jan. 25:

- The Police Department fire sprinkler repair to address deficiencies found during the annual inspection
- The repainting of the Church St side of City Hall's HR wing, which will also include lead abatement.

Energy Projects

Staff secured a \$295,670 PG&E OBF loan that will partially pay for the boiler replacement projects at the Civic and Harvey West Park pool, estimated at \$450,000. Repayment of the loan will be over ten years.

Staff has begun the process to apply for PG&E's EV Fleet Program to support future additions of medium and heavy-duty electric vehicles, including all-electric Refuse trucks and forklifts at the Corporation Yard. The program will pay for a transformer upgrade to support the commitment of at least four EV's by 2024. There are also PG&E incentives for types of vehicles and chargers to off-set the cost. There are two EV trolleys on-site, and Sanitation will purchase at least two EV refuse vehicles by the target date.

Environmental Compliance

The City of Santa Cruz Environmental Laboratory has achieved certification in a new field of testing from the California State Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (ELAP). The new certification is in Environmental Toxicity Methods specifically for the EPA 2000.0 Continuous Flow Method. This method is a significant improvement on the alternative processes with their in-built weaknesses and higher analytical costs.

The lab also holds ELAP certification for numerous constituents within these four fields of testing: Microbiology of Drinking Water, Microbiological Methods for Non-Potable Water and Sewage Sludge, Inorganic Constituents in Non-Potable Water, and Microbiological Methods for Ambient Water. Congratulations to microbiologists Robert Domingo and Mohammad Karim for their achievement in obtaining this certification; and Maintenance staff and Operations who provided the physical and other resources to maintain the facility.



Water

There are currently projects and/or operational impacts affecting nearly every source of water supply. Here's a brief summary:

- Loch Lomond – the biggie, installing a new inlet/outlet structure
- Laguna Creek – retrofitting the dam intake structure (which is offline because of low flow)
- Majors Creek – out of service for the foreseeable future after last year's pipeline failure
- Liddell Spring – the little engine that could! Currently our only source that isn't undergoing a project or project-related impact (though it is a contributor to the Coast Pump Station (CPS) pipeline)
- San Lorenzo River and Tait Street Wells – all impacted by the CPS pipeline replacement, & the SLR is also currently out of production to allow us to meet our flow goals
- GHWTP – flocculator project has basin 3 offline, we are also preparing to begin construction on the Concrete Tanks project as we work toward the design/build contract for the Facility Improvement Project
- Beltz 12 – out of service due to concerns over ammonia
- Beltz Treatment Plant – a rehab project is in the works to restore filter #1
- Beltz 8 & 9 – Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) planning in the works

Early this week the Water Department was a guest on Rosemary Chalmer's morning show, with the focus to be on water quality impacts from the CZU fire. But the topic quickly changed to water supply, which seems to be on a lot of people's minds with the warm temperatures this week. We've had a number of calls from customers and media about rainfall totals, and our [Weekly Water Conditions](#) webpage has been getting plenty of action.

Another topic discussed on the morning show was the Newell Creek Dam inlet/outlet project. We continue to make headway on the dredging portion of the project, and this week the Road Header equipment was delivered to the site. The Road Header is the machinery that will burrow to create the tunnel portion of the project. For such a grand job, the Road Header is a surprisingly small piece of equipment.

This week we'll conclude with a fun fact. We've used – with great success – falconry to prevent birds from nesting at project sites where trees will be impacted. We first tried using falconry at the Newell Creek Dam project site, where several trees were removed, and had such good results that we're now employing it on projects at the Graham Hill Water Treatment Plant.

