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Thursday, April 23, 2020

To all-

Here is an important story from Dr. Linda Halderman re the antibody tests. Even having had the common cold in the past can make you test positive on one particular antibody test- a test of dubious value from China. But there are different antibody tests around, and maybe some tests can pick up antibodies unique to the Covid-19 virus????? Big question- Can they?? Ask Stanford about their test. What is generating questions about their test is that they used it in Santa Clara Co. Calif. and it showed 50-80 times as many people with antibodies as one would have expected. SO, the antibody tests are murky at this point. Check with the researchers at Stanford to see what they claim for their test.

This was sent to me by Doug Vagim:

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Doug- Thanks. I recall an earlier mail from you about V. D. Hansen repeatedly riding in the elevator up Hoover Tower packed with people who just flew in from Wohan (It's a small elevator). Re the antibody test, I've sent you several emails in which Fauci and the researchers at Stanford all say that to test + for the antibodies does NOT prove that you have immunity. We do not know that yet. I just listened to Gov. Newsom from noon to 1 PM and he knows that. Our emphasis will be on the PCM test, the diagnostic test. You should view and listen to that news conference. Probably on YouTube by now. His and Cuomo's and of course Trump's are all there.

Here is the Newsom press conference of today. 1:12 One hour and 12 minutes:

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Here is the Trump press briefing of today:

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Newsom did say that the results of the antibody test are controversial, and they are. Apparently, if you get sick with the virus, or even are asymptomatic, and you test positive on the diagnostic test- the PCM test in that time period- and then you recover and test negative on the diagnostic test, you are no longer contagious. But to get sick, recover and just test positive for the serology test, the antibody test, does not prove that you are no longer contagious. I even heard one expert say that after you are no longer contagious, you can still test positive for a while on the diagnostic test. But you cannot read immunity into a positive antibody test. Not yet, anyway.

There is even a question at this point as to whether you can get infected and sick with the Covid-19 virus more than once.

Stanford is now saying they found 80,000 people in Santa Clara Co. with the antibodies, and some are saying it cannot be right.
Newsom said he talked to Trump today. Of the 251 testing sites in Calif. over 50% said they need swabs. Trump told Newsom today Calif. will get 150,000 swabs this week and 250,000 next week. (Newsom said on Thurs. April 23, 2020 that we have now received 90,000 of the 150,000 swabs). Calif. will now vastly increase the number of test sites, especially in underserved rural and urban areas- city centers with large black and hispanic pops. 16,000 tests per day now, 25,000 tests per day in California by the end of April, and then 60,000 80,000 tests per day in California later. Hear the numbers in the Newsom press conference above.

KCBS said this AM that "David Kennedy", former Pres. of Stanford has died of Covid-19 at his Redwood City home. Pres. from 1980 to 1992. Big gun Biologist. My mind reeled- who the hell is David Kennedy? I tried to think of some Pres. of Stanf. named David Kennedy and got no where. They got it wrong. It's Donald Kennedy!! He was big shot in Bio when I was there. He and Paul Ehrlich came to Stanford as young Biologists about the same time. Kennedy had 3 degrees from Harvard. His father was the Burser or Bursur there, whatever that is, so that no doubt helped. I had him for Bio 1, 2, 3. when I first got there. They gave those lectures in Memorial Auditorium. Remember the "scandal" about the yacht where Stanford cheated the Navy, and thus the American taxpayers, out of countless hundreds of millions of dollars, or maybe even countless billions of dollars, to have the yacht? It was a little boat with one mast. A morning talk-show host from New York yelled and bellyached about that for years. He went to an Ivy League school, and Stanford was making the Ivy League look really insignificant by then. Finally, Stanford reached a settlement with the Navy and paid a couple of million dollars. With an endowment of- now- $23 billion, they could afford it. All that while Donald Kennedy was Pres.

Ironic that a big-gun Biologist would catch the virus and die of it. He was living in an assisted living facility, apparently. Santa Clara Co. has been a huge hot spot for the virus. It is the worst county in the Bay Area for Covid 19. Redwood City is north just over the county line in San Mateo Co.

Try to hear or see the Newsom press conference for today. Pretty good. Not a switch, a dimmer. Huge information about the testing effort in California.

I don't know what Fresno Mayor Brand is talking about re opening up. He'll open up when Newsom tells him he can. I'll shoot Brand a mail reminding him of that.

Important: See on YouTube last night's PBS News Hour. They had doctors on who see a lot of kidney damage in Covid pt. Some wind up on dialysis, maybe for life. In some, the kidneys heal. Protestors should hold up signs saying "I don't need my kidneys! Open up! That development should be widely reported and brought up at Trump's press briefings. I hope that KCBS, et. al., will start reporting it.

BTW. Viente dos Abril will be part of Guadalajara, Mexico history forever. 1992. The day Pemex gasoline got into the storm sewers and ran for miles. When somebody tossed a match, it all exploded. Miles of street just eviscerated. 1,000 killed. I was there the day it happened, having breakfast at my hotel. It sounded like scaffolding fell. Not near enough to me to do any damage. The Governor of Jalisco State fled to Spain in his private jet. They closed my hotel so I walked west for a couple miles on crowded sidewalks to the U.S. consulate out there. El Consulado de Los Estados Unidos. The big U.S. consulate is in downtown in Guad. and they have a smaller one to the west, or north. After I said I'd sleep in the lobby on their floor, they directed me to a nice hotel nearby. I was hyped. I feared that in the chaos, and that is what there was, that bandits would enter Guad. to prey on people. I guess two nights there until my hotel in the center re-opened. Lots of Luz Roja vehicles on the streets, buses full of cops. Buses so full of cops that some were standing.

Important: Trump touts hydroxychloroquine for Covid-19. Here is the Mayo Clinic warning about that. There is a test which a cardiologist can give the pt's heart first to determine if the drug could cause sudden cardiac arrest in that pt.: If they can clear you of that risk with a test of the heart, and the drug helps, maybe this is a real benefit: Trump should hear about the heart test they can give to see if you might be a safe candidate for hydroxychloroquine.
BTW, Governor Newsom said today, Thursday, April 23, 2020 that 115 people died in California in the past 24 hours of Covid-19, the highest one day total so far.

KCBS reported this AM, April 23, 2020, that Google is contributing 25,000 face shields to Valley Medical Center in San Jose and its satellites, and that other cos. in the Silicon Valley Leadership Group have done similar things.

L. William Harding
Fresno

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Did you hear the podcast I previously sent you of Victor Davis Hanson. Where he recalled he and Chinese tourist's straight from Wuhan would fill the elevators of the Hoover Tower as he was going to work and they would continue to the observation deck. This would happen almost every day last Nov, Dec & Jan.

He said he got the worst and strangest flu type illness he ever had. Got through it but was never tested because it predated any public awareness of Covid-19.

USC Medical is doing widespread testing for the antivirus in blood samples and have discovered to-date nearly 1/2 million people in LA Co. have had the C-19 virus with or without synthetic issues.

That's compared to the actual confirmed C-19 to-date case count of 15,140 in LA Co.

I think we've already achieved what's called, "Herd Immunity," here in California. At least to this first strain of the virus, it's already starting it's mutation phase - uh oh...

Best to you,
Doug
I know that City Staff and Council are responding to multiple priorities and I acknowledge you are successfully managing our health and safety basics. I make two comments with considerable forethought.

It is human nature for everyone to be distracted with immediate and shorter-term issues. I see city staff and Council being driven by pre-virus thinking. Please rethink how you prioritize issues and provide decision-friendly context.

#1  I have prepared hundreds of agendas for public meetings. I understand the artform. Nevertheless, I think it is mistake to put the city budget scenarios at the end of the meeting when council and public effectiveness will be at low ebb. This is outdated Palo Alto management tradition and does not help anyone prepare for very difficult decisions ahead. The real work will begin May 11 and the Council can easily devote an intense, time-limited 75-minute discussion a week in advance. Now is the time to break from traditions and be creative. Please move this agenda item to the front of the Council meeting.

#2  Bureaucracies such as our city government must follow the dictates of outside mandates. I assume that SB743 does not give staff or Council many options to evaluate concepts which may be outdated by mid-term market forces and eventually by the legislature itself. If it is absolutely necessary "to study" such serious policies as VMT and LOS, then proceed. If urgency is not necessary, table this agenda item so that common sense and sense of community can reset themselves.

Attached is yesterday's column by Dan Walters. He is writing on what 90% of Californians are thinking. Legislation such as SB743 is, in my opinion, been rendered secondary by powerful, new market forces for housing and public transportation. Rider psychology for public transit will be uncertain for many months. Financing for service levels is very unstable. Private sector response for substitute modes should be surveyed as soon as possible. Please move this agenda item to the end of the Council meeting.

Please consider these two excerpts from Walters' column. This context is missing in the staff report.

"The COVID-19 pandemic is a horrible human tragedy..... The numbers change minute-by-minute but suggest that in America your chances of being infected may depend on where you stand on the economic ladder, how closely you live and work in the company of others, and how diligently you and your neighbors take precautions."
"That study indicates that the pandemic potentially has a long way to run and that Los Angeles will continue to be its California epicenter. The data also imply that we shouldn’t be eagerly pushing Californians to live in high-density housing, give up their cars and ride transit."

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COVID-19’s very unequal toll

BY DAN WALTERS
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The COVID-19 pandemic is a horrible human tragedy whose global toll is continuing to rise, but it’s also an exercise in collecting and examining data for clues to how it is spreading.

The numbers change minute-by-minute but suggest that in America your chances of being infected may depend on where you stand on the economic ladder, how closely you live and work in the company of others, and how diligently you and your neighbors take precautions.
Take, for example, the startling contrast between what’s been happening in New York and its neighboring states versus what’s been happening, or not happening, in California.

As of Tuesday, according to the New York Times, the nation had counted 37,818 COVID-19 deaths, but New York alone had 14,347 or 38% of the national total, and adding New Jersey (4,377), Pennsylvania (1,366) and Connecticut (1,331) brought the region’s share to nearly 57%.

Three-thousand miles away in California, with twice the population of New York, COVID-19 had claimed just 1,225 lives – tragic for those Californians’ families, of course, but a blessing for the state as a whole. In fact, at just 3 deaths per 100,000 of population, California has had one of the nation’s lowest mortality rates to date while New York’s 74 per 100,000 is 25 times as high.

Why the huge difference?

Someday we’ll have a complete scientific answer, but clearly the high densities of living, working and traveling (often on crowded subway trains and buses) in New York City and environs have contributed to the heavy human toll, as did New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio’s footdragging on imposing precautions.

Most Californians, meanwhile, live in low-density neighborhoods, either in single-family homes or small rental complexes. Californians are often mocked for preferring cars to mass transit, but it’s probably saved thousands of lives.

California also instituted some of the nation’s earliest shelter-at-home measures to limit person-to-person contact and Californians, most of us anyway, have been diligent about adhering to them.

Within the state, too, one finds very disparate conditions. California’s hot spot is Los Angeles County, which has a quarter of the state’s population but has accounted for more than half of its COVID-19 deaths.

While California’s death rate is 3 per 100,000 Los Angeles County’s is twice as high at 6, by far the state’s highest.

Why Los Angeles County?

Most Angelenos, unlike New Yorkers, live in low-rise homes and apartments. However, past studies have told us that because of poverty and a chronic lack of affordable housing, two or even three families may live in one housing unit and that auxiliary units, such as illegally converted garages,
are common in poor neighborhoods. It’s difficult to practice social distancing in such crowded circumstances, making infection more likely.

Moreover, Los Angeles County has the state’s highest rate of poverty, according to the Public Policy Institute of California, with at least 40% of its population rated as poor or near-poor. The pandemic-induced recession has hit Los Angeles County particularly hard, with an estimated 50% of its jobs at least temporarily erased.

On Monday, Los Angeles County health officials released preliminary results of a study suggesting that roughly 4.1% of the county’s adult population has already had the coronavirus, which translates to between 221,000 and 442,000 people, many times the number of confirmed cases.

That study indicates that the pandemic potentially has a long way to run and that Los Angeles will continue to be its California epicenter. The data also imply that we shouldn’t be eagerly pushing Californians to live in high-density housing, give up their cars and ride transit.

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Dear Palo Alto City Council Members,

I live just over the border with Santa Clara County in Menlo Park. I generally do my grocery shopping in Palo Alto, thereby contributing to your local economy.

I have noticed that compliance with Santa Clara Health Dept guidelines to wear a face covering in public especially in confined spaces such as super markets is lacking. Because Santa Clara Co does NOT REQUIRE face coverings in public spaces, super markets do not make it mandatory for customers to wear them in order to shop.

This means that there are shoppers running around super markets that could be infected with Covid-19 without the appropriate face coverings. And it is near impossible to social distance at 6 feet in super markets, especially ones as small as Whole Foods and Country Sun in Palo Alto. This creates a situation that is unsafe for both shoppers and employees.

I URGE the City Council to pass an ordinance, as soon as possible, requiring face coverings in public areas such as the one recently passed in the City of Milpitas. Please do the right thing to protect the residents of Palo Alto and those of us who would like to shop in Palo Alto.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,
Margaret Spak

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Hello everyone,

I wanted to acknowledge the effort you've been putting in to help out local businesses. Thank you.

I also wanted to propose the idea of allowing parklets in Palo Alto as Menlo Park and San Carlos have done.

With restrictions on restaurant seating almost certain in the near to medium future, this would be a great way for restaurants to add seating while maintaining social distancing.

I believe we are going to see a radical change in consumer habits for the next couple of years. And we should have radical responses in order to maintain small business and a vibrant community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Guillaume

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Guillaume Bienaimé
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I would like for the Council to pass a resolution to have dentists and periodontists declared essential businesses. To have this resolution sent to the Santa Clara Board of Supervisors and the Governor.

Having teeth and gums taken care of is essential. This is a medical necessity.

I have a gum problem which will get worse without cleaning of my teeth. I'm in danger of losing teeth!
I have been told this by my dentist and periodontist many times.

There have to be millions of people who need dental care urgently. I cannot understand why dental care was not considered essential.

Natalie Fisher
Palo Alto
Hello,

I’m a Palo Alto resident and worried about the increasing heat in the Bay Area paired with coronavirus restrictions.

As heat increases my house becomes incredibly hot, and it’s not fit for generally being outfit with AC, it’s pretty poorly insulated, as are many houses in the Bay.

I’m wondering what our plan or process as a community is for what to do in extreme heat, coronavirus, and potential forest fire and PG&E power outages. I think there’s a potential for real and lasting damage to many people, and choosing between heat stroke, infection, or lung damage from fire smoke is not ideal.

I’d love to hear any information you have, or tips on how to best prepare for the upcoming months.

Regards,
I would like to suggest that we use the summer and good weather to provide outdoor seating (and social distancing) for all restaurants. We could do this by eliminating parking in front of the restaurants.
I am writing to encourage you to include piano repair services as a trade that can go back to operating sooner than later. As a group we are collectively concerned with the safety of both ourselves and our customers but the demand is increasing with the shelter in place as many people turn to both playing more music at home and teachers use Zoom services and customer’s home pianos for their lessons.

Our trade has put into place several protocols to protect everyone involved and those practices are outlined on my website (see below). Typically we work alone or with a substantial amount of distancing, we can wear masks and have a disinfecting protocol in place both before we start and after we leave. With our interactions with customers, even in their homes, it is easy to maintain safe distances and get paid electronically to minimize any contact.

I realize we are not a big group of tradespeople but I hope you consider us as essential workers in the same way you have included appliance repair or auto repair. Our ability to distance is certainly easier than either of those two trades.

Thanks

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Doug – I strongly recommend this Fauci interview. Here you get the truth, instead of B.S. from Wall St. Don. It helps to take this in two sittings.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yvezKf7ML3E

I liked how Trump was saying Thurs. that "little up-croppings of the virus might happen in the fall and we'll stamp them out". Even that "It might not come back in the fall". THEN Fauci got up and said, at a higher Db than usual, "The virus will be with us in the fall!". Right in front of Trump. He said there "because of its global nature", among o. things. He used the word "global". Well, yeah! Somebody said that there are countries in Africa and Asia that have almost NO HC systems! The virus will be devastating there, and those places will be huge reservoirs of the virus. That is why the former head of the CDC said weeks ago that we will have to spend money in other countries. We could say "Let 'em hang", but with millions infected in those places, they will keep re-infecting us. Apparently it is nearly impossible to raise the draw bridges and keep a big country like the U.S. sealed off. You'd have to halt all diplomatic, military, scientific travel into and out of the U.S. People would come in in shipping containers and swim the Rio Grande, if nothing else.

I hope that Mayor Brand and his new task force to re-open Fresno will each watch this -the Fauci interview, above- more than once. They don't want blood on their hands if they have any sense at all. They'll each get sued and prosecuted if they screw this up. That's a promise from me.

Now two more excellent vids, must-viewing for any public officials tasked with re-opening. Fresno Mayor Brand's task force should watch these more than once and take notes. They are full of information on how New York State will try to re-open. I also hope that Gov. Newsom's people will watch them: These are press conferences by Gov. Cuomo on Friday, April 24, 2020 and on Sunday, April 26, 2020.

Gov. Cuomo on Friday, April 24, 2020:
In that vid. Gov. Cuomo details what could happen if the region is opened too quickly. A rapid surge, a rebound, worse than the initial epidemic. That should scare anyone about re-opening too fast.

And here is Gov. Cuomo on Sunday, April 26, 2020: This is full of information about their plan to try to re-open. Notice especially here his discussion of the R-nought measurement at 13:17. A critical measurement of how fast the virus is spreading. It should be between .8 and 1.2. This measures how many other people an infected person is infecting. If that measure reaches 1.2, you have to pull back on your easing of restrictions. See his discussion about this again starting at 32:00. He says that if people don't follow the guidelines, you could blow through .8 to 1.2 like wind in the rushes.

In these two vids by Gov. Cuomo, one sees the plan of New York State to try to re-open. I wish the teams in Albany and Sacramento could compare the two plans. They both might see things they want to add to their plan.

And finally, here is Gov. Newsom on Friday, April 24, 2020. He talks a lot here about the new program to provide 3 meals a day delivered to the elderly with underlying health conditions. Restaurants will supply the meals, the State and FEMA will pay for all but 25% of the 25% the municipality must bear. And they will recover that part in sales taxes. I have yet to hear on local TV news in Fresno by Sunday night, April 26, 2020 one word about this. It will be a big deal: Big business for local restaurants. I hope Fresno officials are aware of it.

As of Saturday, April 25, 2020,

Fresno Co. had 458 cases and 7 deaths. Tulare Co. had 491 cases and 32 deaths.

As of Sunday, April 26, 2020,

Fresno Co. had 458 cases and 7 deaths. Tulare Co. had 504 cases and 32 deaths.

As we ramp up testing, the number of cases reported will increase a lot.

L. William Harding
Fresno
To all:

Fyi re Caltrain and the implications of Covid 19 for mass transit in general:

Business Insider: Novel coronavirus can live for 72 hours on bus and subway surfaces - Business Insider.  

Gov. Cuomo says novel coronavirus can live on bus and subway surfaces for 72 hours, posing an ongoing concern for transit employees and riders

According to researchers live coronavirus particles can survive anywhere from three hours to seven days on surfaces, depending on the material.

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo emphasized the lifespan of the novel coronavirus in the air and on surfaces while describing the challenges facing the city's massive public transport system during the novel coronavirus pandemic.

"The virus can live up to 72 hours on plastic surfaces and stainless-steel surfaces," Cuomo said in a press conference Friday. "Just think about this from a transit point of view or from your car point of view. It can live on a pole in a bus or on a seat in a bus for up to 72 hours."

Cuomo’s statements about the virus' lifespan, sources for which the governor hadn't referenced, echoed reports that live coronavirus particles, which typically spread via droplets from an infected person’s coughs or sneezes, can survive for anywhere from three hours to seven days on surfaces, depending on the material — and are particularly significant for commonly touched surfaces on like those on the city's highly trafficked trains and buses, infecting passengers and workers alike.

In addition to surfaces, Cuomo said the virus spreading through the air also remains a concern.

Re Caltrain, a few other data points:

It bears remembering that Caltrain's ridership dropped in two of three years prior to the pandemic
"Caltrain’s average weekday ridership grew rapidly over a six-year span, from 34,120 boardings in 2010 to 62,416 in 2016, increasing roughly 10% a year. But the growth stopped abruptly after that, with boardings staying relatively flat in 2017, rising 1.5% in 2018, and dropping 2.3% this year.”

Although Caltrain ridership showed declines in both 2017 and 2019, Caltrain's business plan projected tripling ridership by 2040.

**Caltrain's new vision calls for tripling ridership by 2040**

Staff recommends scenario that would accommodate about 180,000 riders, require more than $22B in investment


While Caltrain's business plan projecting tripling ridership seemed quite optimistic then, given its ridership history, how realistic are these projections now, given what Gov. Cuomo discussed?

"The virus can live up to 72 hours on plastic surfaces and stainless-steel surfaces," Cuomo said in a press conference Friday. "Just think about this from a transit point of view or from your car point of view. It can live on a pole in a bus or on a seat in a bus for up to 72 hours."

Perhaps once an effective Covid 19 vaccine is produced, or when herd immunity to the virus is achieved, Caltrain ridership will eventually rebound to its prior levels. For now, Caltrain ridership has declined by 90% and service has been cut by more than half.

Caltrain to slash weekday service by more than half starting next week

As with the Bay Area's other public transit entities, Caltrain ridership has plummeted as the coronavirus outbreak has worsened. Sales of one-way and day pass train fares have fallen 86% from their levels prior to the outbreak, while daily ticket sales fell 95% on the first day of the Bay Area’s shelter-in-place order.


As for predictions about the future regarding Covid 19 and its impacts on Caltrain and other services:

“We anticipate that this pandemic is going to be going on for a very, very, very long time. We know that we do not have immunity in the population. Nor do we have a vaccine,” Cody said. “So any time that we let up on our mitigation measures, we are going to expect to see a spike in cases, hospitalizations and deaths. That is certain.”


White House coronavirus task force coordinator Deborah Birx on Sunday said social distancing will continue through the summer, as confirmed cases in the United States near one million.


Nicholas A. Christakis MD, PhD, MPH, is the Sterling Professor of Social and Natural Science, Internal Medicine and Biomedical Engineering and directs the Human Nature Lab at Yale University.
“In the fall, I think there is at least a 75% chance it will come back with a second wave as it did in 1918 and 1957 pandemics,” he said. “I don’t know that it will be deadlier, but there will be a second wave and we will have to prepare ourselves for it.”

However, even the brief respite is still months away, he said. “We are just at the beginning of this first wave” and there is still much damage to come.


Caltrain's previously optimistic projections prompted the City to discuss grade separation proposals. Those projections are no longer valid, if they were previously. Further, given the prevalence of telecommuting during this crisis, new work patterns may affect any new projections.

Thanks for listening.

Best,

Kathy Jordan
I just read an article in today’s Post that reported the SC County counsel said that dental offices are considered essential and can remain open. Some choose to close, however. Both my dentist and periodontist chose to close their offices and only do emergency work!

Natalie

I would like for the Council to pass a resolution to have dentists and periodontists declared essential businesses. To have this resolution sent to the Santa Clara Board of Supervisors and the Governor.

Having teeth and gums taken care of is essential. This is a medical necessity.

I have a gum problem which will get worse without cleaning of my teeth. I’m in danger of losing teeth!
I have been told this by my dentist and periodontist many times.

There have to be millions of people who need dental care urgently. I cannot understand why dental care was not considered essential.

Natalie Fisher
Palo Alto
Dear City Council members,

Face masks in public places are suggested but not required. Some groceries require them to be able to shop in their stores. Being in the elderly vulnerable group, I appreciate that.

I would like the city of Palo Alto to make it mandatory for everyone in any essential store, both customers and employees, to wear face coverings. In smaller stores, where social distancing is harder, this would give extra protection.

Thank you.

Carol Knight, MD.
Redacted
Palo Alto, CA 94306

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPad
This is from the SC County website, FAQ

I run a dental facility – should I continue to provide cleanings and non-urgent dental services to patients?
No. As recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), dental facilities should postpone elective procedures, surgeries, and non-urgent dental visits, and prioritize urgent and emergency visits. You should contact your dentist to inquire about whether a dental service is urgent or should be deferred. Dentists should refer to guidance that is available on the CDC website at: www.cdc.gov/oralhealth/infectioncontrol/statement-COVID.html.

This is terrible! There are many non-urgent needs of patients for dental care. All dental care is essential. To postpone indefinitely surgeries and dental cleaning is dangerous to patients. Even regular cleaning is needed for people with gum problems. I would ask the Council to send a resolution to open up dental practices for all procedures to the County Board of Supervisors and the Governor. The CDC recommends the restrictions; they are not mandatory.

Natalie Fisher
Palo Alto
Hi,

Question for all of you. I see all the city gardeners still doing their job and traveling in one car, so fair to say not social distancing, maybe wearing a mask. I also see city workers in trenches no masks and not 6ft apart. Why is it okay for the city workers to continue to garden and not the residences. Maybe the argument is they are "essential" but I would say so are regular gardeners for the people who have the space for their families to go outside and play. If one is used to always having gardeners they don't have the equipment to upkeep their own lawns. I would say most of the gardeners are driving themselves or with other family members and aren't inside peoples home and maintaining their yards. It will cost people more to try to get their lawns back into shape. I also have been over to Stanford and they don't have any of their gardeners working. So I ask the question why do the city gardeners get to work but no one elses and they don't follow the rules of 6ft. Inquiring minds would like to know. Time to get some people back to work if they can

amy

Amy Keohane
650-346-5306
To the City Council:

Again the news media reports discussion of possibly closing down streets in Palo Alto:

Experts expect some of the "slow streets" projects that cities like Oakland and Denver put in place during the pandemic to give bicyclists and pedestrians adequate room for social distancing to remain in place. Palo Alto has not yet launched such a program, though Chief Transportation Official Philip Kamhi told the council earlier this month that his staff is preparing to do so soon.


At a recent webinar sponsored by Ride Healthy, a bike-advocacy group, transportation planner Timothy Papandreou pointed to the more than 100 cities around the world that are implementing "slow streets" projects during the pandemic. These projects restrict cars and provide more space for bicyclists and pedestrians, allowing them to practice physical distancing more easily.


The shelter in place order does not say, 'go walk or bike on streets that have been closed to traffic.' The order says: Stay home except for essential needs

https://covid19.ca.gov/stay-home-except-for-essential-needs/

Many residents, some with underlying health conditions, use their vehicles to perform essential tasks, which protects them from contact with other people and which protects them from contact with the outside air, in which the coronavirus can travel and live for up to 3 hours, according to experts.

The new coronavirus can remain infectious in the air for up to three hours and last on some surfaces for more than a day, according to a study published in The New England Journal of Medicine.

https://www.beckershospitalreview.com/infection-control/coronavirus-can-remain-in-air-up-to-3-hours-on-surfaces-for-days-study-finds.html

Residents need vehicular access to residential streets and commercial streets to perform these essential tasks.

The City of Palo Alto should not be considering or putting policies into place that contradict the intent of the shelter in place order and that encourage people to get out and not to stay at home.
It seems as though the Covid 19 pandemic is being used by as a pretext to push a separate agenda, to reduce and restrict vehicular traffic, without regard for the the shelter in place order, the implications of the pandemic, or the actual needs of Palo Alto residents.

"You may not end up with 74 miles, but you may end up with 7 miles of slow streets," Raney said. "Some of it would stick."


Please reject any proposal to close streets in Palo Alto.

Thank you,

Best,

Kathy Jordan
I would like City Council to take quick action and close Park Blvd. to car traffic for the duration of the Shelter In Place orders. This action would improve the safety of the many pedestrians who are now walking and jogging in the middle of the street to maintain the necessary social distancing.

I live on Park Blvd. in the Ventura neighborhood which is narrow and sandwiched between the train right-of-way and El Camino Real. The residents in single family homes and the many multifamily units are limited to using Park Blvd. for exercising in our neighborhood. Each day I see families walking in the middle of the street to avoid our crowded sidewalks and am concerned about their safety. Because Park Blvd. is already a designated Bike Boulevard it is well suited for a temporary closure to cars.

Thank you for considering my request.
-Lindsay Joye
CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization. Be cautious of opening attachments and clicking on links.

Wed. April 29, 2020

To all- At least somebody at Fresno City Hall is thinking straight:

https://thebusinessjournal.com/fresno-council-member-calls-for-shelter-order-to-be-extended/?utm_source=Daily+Update&utm_campaign=a1ae759413-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_04_29_04_54&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_fb834d017b-a1ae759413-71619973&mc_cid=a1ae759413&mc_eid=7afa3a94f3

He and Mayor Brand. A deadly virus with high efficiency of transmission that has killed ~50,000 Americans. NO vaccine yet, not even therapeutics, although both are being worked on feverishly. And the lower IQ and less educated, and the richer business owners, want the restrictions lifted. The same people who voted for AH.
Last night PBS News Hour showed that a vaccine with real promise has been developed at Oxford University and testing in humans has begun. Some drug companies, perhaps in China, are preparing to produce it in bulk even before it is proven effective.

This AM KCBS-SF, broadcasting the truth into the Republican-owned Central Valley of California, said that the program to prepare and deliver three meals per day to persons of low enough income and compromised immune systems, could be in trouble. Gov. Newsom announced it in detail last week. The money from FEMA will stop on May 10 if the State does not have the program up and running by then, I discerned. The report was somewhat confusing. The money stops if the program is not up and running by then OR the money stops then, period, and could be extended. Anyway, May 10 is the drop-dead date for the program if certain conditions aren't met.

Also, KCBS said this AM that UCSF and Stanford will launch a study of 7,500 people who have tested negative for the virus in the past: 4,000 non-HC and 3,500 HC workers. They will be tested repeatedly, apparently, from now through the summer. The object is to see 1) how are infected persons who are asymptomatic spreading the virus and 2) Does having antibodies provide protection against the virus. The study will continue into the fall when, presumably, schools will re-open. The Stanford website should have information about this study. They took days to get an article up about their antibody test. Apparently they strive for accuracy.

KCBS said that many people who have spent a lot of money getting Air B&B facilities ready are now in financial trouble. Some people have set up 25 of these. I thought you had to live at the place, but apparently not. The huge drop in travel has dried up the revenue for these but the mortgage payments, property taxes, uts., furniture payments, etc. keep coming. Why wouldn't you just rent them out as long-term rentals?

PBS News Hour had a piece last night on how big publicly traded companies have gotten millions from the PPP program intended to help small businesses. They apply with their big banks, who have a long-standing relationship with them and want to protect that, and get approved for huge money when they are in no way a small business. This is a scandal which the Trump Admin. should answer for. The Treasury should take those banks to the woodshed.

At the Dow climbed 500 and the Nasdaq climbed 300 this AM, KCBS said that investors are cheered by efforts to re-open the economy and are ignoring statements from the Fed today to the effect that 1) we are at the beginning of a recession and 2) the U.S. economy is in bad shape. If we do go into a bad recession, I'll be glad I've held cash back in recent weeks. I did, however, feel compelled to buy NVDA (@ $204.38 per share) (It closed at $297.08 on Monday, making me feel plenty guilty over such easy money), BP, MGM (@ $7.7738 per share) (It closed at $15.81 on Tuesday), CAT (@ $100 per share), OHI ( @ $25 per share) ($27.95 on Tuesday), MCD (@ $140 per share), (It closed at $185.93 on Tuesday), PRSP (@ $15 per share), PRU (@ $47.2232 per share), MMM (@ $132.50 per share), FB (@ $161,056 per share), CCL (@ 14.4753 per share) (it went clear down to $7.97 on April 2, but closed at $14.46 on Tuesday, April 28, pulling me back from the brink), AMRN (@ $3.999 per share) (It closed at $7.82 on Tuesday), MU (@ $36.4364 per share) and SQ (@ $57.443 per share). As these have soared in recent weeks, I've felt the usual guilt about making such easy money in the market. I haven't even checked the results for today, but I'll no doubt feel even guiltier when I do.

The cash held back is for if we get a huge double-dip in the market as the recession takes hold and if we get a big spike in Covid19 cases, hospitalizations and deaths, as we rush to re-open. Fauci said "The virus will be here in the fall. What will be different is that this time we will have testing, contact tracing, isolation and quarantine in place" (to deal with a jump in cases). He was contradicting his boss who had just said that maybe it won't come back in the fall at all. Fauci is only head of Allergy and Infectious Diseases at the NIH, so he has at least a passing familiarity with epidemics.

L. William Harding
Fresno
To whoever it may concern,

I understand that these can be confusing times for us all. That is why the residents are forced to rely more on their elected officials. Clarity would be appreciated. These are just two of the new unclear guidelines.

Can I play tennis?

That depends. Contra Costa County’s order specifically includes “tennis and pickle ball courts” among outdoor recreational activities that may resume on Monday. But San Francisco Deputy Health Officer Dr. Susan Philip contradicted that during a Wednesday press conference, noting that tennis would not be allowed in San Francisco due to the sport’s use of shared equipment.

San Mateo and Santa Clara counties, which do not specifically address tennis in their orders, did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Will golf courses reopen?

Although the new order allows golf courses to reopen, it is not totally clear whether golf is allowed under the state shelter-in-place order, which remains unchanged. Santa Clara County Counsel James Williams said that between local and state orders, “the stricter of the two applies.”

Golf is not included in the state’s list of critical workforce sectors, nor is it specifically prohibited. Some jurisdictions — including Napa and Riverside counties — have taken advantage of that gray area, and allowed golf courses to reopen. In cases like this, “there’s room for interpretation by the counties,”

How about the cities???

Br,
Teo Holopainen

Redacted
As of May 4, this new order is in effective:

"For the purposes of this Order, individuals may leave their residence to work for, volunteer at, or obtain services at “Healthcare Operations,” including, without limitation, hospitals, clinics, COVID-19 testing locations, dentists, pharmacies, blood banks and blood drives, pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies, other healthcare facilities, healthcare suppliers, home healthcare services providers, mental health providers, or any related and/or ancillary healthcare services. “Healthcare Operations” also includes veterinary care and all healthcare services provided to animals. This exemption for Healthcare Operations shall be construed broadly to avoid any interference with the delivery of healthcare, broadly defined. “Healthcare Operations” excludes fitness and exercise gyms and similar facilities."

Please check this new order and let me know if dentists can now open their offices for all procedures, including cleanings. Please reply!

Natalie Fisher
** Can golf courses reopen under the new Order?  
Outdoor recreation facilities that are not expressly prohibited by the Order, such as golf courses, skate parks, and athletic fields, are permitted to open only if they comply with any restrictions on access and use that are established by the Health Officer, another government agency, or other entity that manages such area to reduce crowding and risk of transmission of COVID-19.

At this time, the California State Public Health Officer is not permitting golf courses to be open.

What does this mean????? Really????

Br #2
Teo Holopainen
Redacted

On Thursday, April 30, 2020, 08:04:46 AM PDT, Council, City <city.council@cityofpaloalto.org> wrote:

Thank you for your comments to the City Council. Your e-mail will be forwarded to all seven Council Members and a printout of your correspondence will also be included in the next available Council packet.

If your comments are about an item that is already scheduled for a City Council agenda, you can call (650) 329-2571 to confirm that the item is still on the agenda for the next meeting.

If your letter mentions a specific complaint or a request for service, we’ll either reply with an explanation or else send it on to the appropriate department for clarification.

We appreciate hearing from you.
Dear Ed and City Council,

I sincerely hope you will open up the parking lots associated with city parks given the new county orders.

I am 100% in favor of all efforts to minimize deaths and extinction of the virus, but from what I read, there is an appropriate balance that needs to be struck with careful opening of public spaces. This seems like it should include venues such as Foothills Park (including parking).

There is absolutely a way to ensure 6’ separation in a place a wide as this beautiful open space. The alternative is people exercise in more confined areas (e.g., crossing Cal Ave tunnel which is an enclosed space 8’ wide with lots of people...much more dangerous).

Please open up this space and let residents prove they can be trusted to respect the federal and state guidelines.

Thank you,
Chris Robell
Hello,

I have a question. Is the Palo Alto Public Golf Course going to reopen on May 4th along with other designated golf courses? Thank you for your reply.

Barbra Wood
Redacted
Menlo Park

Sent from my iPad
As Drug Failures for COVID Mount, Feds Ignore Natural Options
APRIL 30, 2020 CATEGORY: STOP CRONY HEALTHCARE

The Alliance for Natural Health  ALLIANCE FOR NATURAL HEALTH USA

natural medicines like zinc, quercetin, and potassium could help, . . but the government refuses to acknowledge these benefits because nutrients aren’t as profitable for drug companies.

Many COVID drugs are failing. Natural medicine may hold the key—but can government cronyism be overcome? Action Alert!

A large analysis has found that antimalarial drug hydroxychloroquine had no benefit for COVID patients, causing more deaths than standard care. Other pharmaceutical treatments are also turning out to be useless.

Remdesivir is being touted by Dr. Anthony Fauci, the director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, but this is likely due to pressure to come up with a drug of the moment; some evidence has shown the drug has no benefit.

Emerging evidence suggests that natural medicines like zinc, quercetin, and potassium could help, sometimes in conjunction with drugs, but the government refuses to acknowledge these benefits because nutrients aren’t as profitable for drug companies.

While hydroxychloroquine may be ineffective on its own, there are trials that have combined the drug with zinc. Zinc inhibits viral activity, but it is difficult to get high levels of zinc into cells. Hydroxychloroquine may help by aiding zinc’s entry into cells.

Studies show quercetin may also do what chloroquine does with zinc but without toxic side effects. Some researchers believe that zinc in general is one of the most important
things we can take both to avoid Covid-19 infection and treat it. Hydroxychloroquine comes with the usual laundry list of dangerous side effects, while quercetin could help prevent heart damage along with many other benefits. Research indicates that many other natural medicines could help prevent or treat COVID-19.

* It is known that big viruses rapidly exhaust potassium levels, which can be fatal. A Chinese study has confirmed this for Covid-19.

* The Chinese used IVC (vitamin C injected into veins) with reported good results and began clinical trials. New York State’s largest hospital system, Northwell Health, also began using IVC but at relatively low doses (4.5 to 6 grams) compared to the doses used in cancer trials.

* Vitamin D is a key immune system regulator. People with especially low D are more vulnerable to Covid-19.

* Many supplements (curcumin, resveratrol, luteolin etc.) are candidates to help control the cytokine storm that may kill Covid-19 patients but are not being tested for this use.

* Other supplements (oregano oil, monolaurin) are candidates to attack the viral capsule but are also unlikely ever to be tested for this use.

* Viruses cloak themselves from the immune system using a substance called nagalase. Some supplements, especially probiotics, are candidates to help control nagalase but are also unlikely to be tested for this use.

* Silver is acknowledged to be a bacteria killer that has been able to clean up drinking water in the third world. The feds are moving against companies making any medical claims for silver. Under current law, they have the right to do that, but in the process these agencies are stating that silver has no medical role, which is not consistent with the known facts. Silver is definitely effective against bacteria. What is needed is more testing of whether and how silver can be used against viruses.

* Other supplements, like the herb Andrographis paniculate, are candidates to interfere with enzymes needed by the virus to reproduce but are also unlikely ever to be tested for this use.

More information can be found at our COVID 411 page.

There’s a theme here. Low-cost, safe, and effective natural medicines are largely ignored by the government and the medical community, instead focusing on pharmaceutical treatments that can be more easily patented and made profitable for drug companies.

People are getting sick and dying. We cannot afford to ignore natural treatments that can save lives during and beyond this pandemic. This is the moment to bring this message to every legislator in America, both in Congress and at the state level. Will you help us do this? If every reader of this message takes action now, we can get legislators’ attention. This is the moment. Please help us.

Action Alert! Send a message to your state and federal representatives, telling them that there are vitally important nutritional strategies to deal with COVID. Please send your message immediately.
Hi,

I wanted to write with a proposal to support our restaurants. As we start to transition out of shelter in place I suspect we will be dealing with various restrictions for at least a few months. Most restaurants operate on thin margins and will have a very hard time surviving if they are required to reduce tables inside to support social distancing. It seems like a perfect solution to block off parking or even entire streets to allow the restaurants to set up tables outside this summer. I am guessing this has already been discussed and I just wanted to voice my support for this concept. In addition to helping our neighborhood restaurants, it will promote healthy transportation choices, increase sales tax revenue and have no impact on parking fees since spaces are not metered. I hope I will be able to enjoy a nice meal soon at a local restaurant on a beautiful sunny day. Thanks and have a great weekend.

Regards,

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Lane Melchor
Melchor Corporation
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Palo Alto CA 94301
650.323.0791
650.323.3529 (fax)
May 1, 2020

Mayor Adrian Fine  
City of Palo Alto  
Pal Alto City Hall  
250 Hamilton Avenue  
Palo Alto, CA 94301

RE: Federal WARN Act Notice; California WARN Act Notice

To Whom It May Concern:

This notice is being provided in compliance with the federal Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act, 29 United States Code section 2102 et seq. (“WARN”), and the California Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act, California Labor Code section 1400 et seq. (“Cal-WARN”), both of which require official notice to certain government units or officials of a pending plant closure or mass layoff that falls within statutory notice requirements.

The pandemic’s economic impact has caused Fish Market Restaurants, Inc. (“Fish Market”) to incur unforeseeable financial losses. Moreover, Fish Market believes that the issuance of Executive Order N-33-20 ordering California residents to stay home until further notice will cause additional devastating financial losses. The pandemic’s overwhelming economic impact has been sudden, rapidly escalating, and unforeseeable.

This notice is to inform your agency that Fish Market intends to indefinitely furlough employees at the following California worksites:

1. The Fish Market Palo Alto, 3150 El Camino Real, Palo Alto, CA 94306
2. The Fish Market Santa Clara, 3775 El Camino Real, Santa Clara, CA 95051
3. The Fish Market Del Mar, 640 Via De La Valle, Solana Beach, CA 92075
4. The Fish Market San Mateo, 1855 S Norfolk St. San Mateo, CA 94403
5. The Fish Market San Diego, 750 N Harbor Dr, CA 92101
6. Top of the Market San Diego, 750 N Harbor Dr, CA 92101
7. The Fish Market San Jose, 1007 Blossom Hill Rd. San Jose, CA 95123
8. Farallon Fisheries, 207 S Maple Ave, South San Francisco, CA 94080
9. The Fish Market Office, 1 Tuna Lane, Suite 3, San Diego, CA 92101
The furlough will impact 664 employees. Fish Market provided notice to its employees today, but the effective date of their furlough is May 4, 2020.

Fish Market is providing as much advance notice of the present layoffs as possible under these unprecedented circumstances. Unfortunately, 60-days’ notice of the present layoffs was impossible given the sudden onset of the coronavirus pandemic and related government orders. Accordingly, Fish Market provides this notice and notice to affected employees in compliance with Governor Gavin Newsom’s March 17, 2020 Executive Order, number N-31-20 as well as the Governor’s reopening plan.

None of the affected employees are represented by a union. Attached to this notice is a list of the affected job titles and the number of affected employees in each job classification.

For more information regarding the furlough, please feel free to contact me at the address indicated above. My telephone number is (619) 232-8862 x 313. The information provided herein represents the best information available to Fish Market at the time this notice was issued.

Sincerely,

Dwight Colton
President
Fish Market Restaurants, Inc.
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Over the next month or two as we start to reopen businesses who can operate safely outdoors lets help our local small businesses by blocking off University & Cal Ave to cars and allow the local businesses on those streets to expand out into the streets. For example for barbers and hairdresser enabling them to work outside. Restaurants providing safe socially distanced tables outside, shopping racks outside, etc... This does not preclude the need for PPE and social distancing but its clear that COVID-19 spreads much more readily indoors so its much safer to get a haircut or eat outdoors then inside.

Hamilton Hitchings
Hello Palo Alto City Council and City Manager:

I would like to work with you to put together a plan to reopen Rinconada pool for lap swim. While I recognize that under the current situation it is quite unreasonable to open the pool for recreation swim or lessons, and it is borderline whether even for a swim club to use, it is quite reasonable to open for lap swimming if certain guidelines are followed.

I propose that Rinconada open for lap swim and allow one household per lane, and only Palo Alto residents (to prevent any potential contact of people who live at distances to each other). This should fulfill the 6 feet distance between people, as the lanes are more than 6 feet wide. I would propose that for now locker rooms not be allowed to open, and that while entering and exiting and anytime spent on the pool deck, at least 6 feet social distancing is maintained between any non-household people.

Because currently the Palo Alto Masters team that also trains at Rinconada is so small, it is, perhaps, reasonable to allow them to resume under the same conditions.

Here are a few links of:

1. How Mission Viejo Nadadores (in Orange County) has reponed their swim team, and
2. USA Swimming’s guidelines for reopening facilities

Links:


I would be happy to help in any efforts to reopen the Rinconada pool to the community as soon as possible, as the cardiorespiratory health benefits of swimming far, far outweigh the risks... and in fact, reduce the risk of having severe symptoms if one were to contract the SARS-CoV-2 virus.

Sincerely,
Barton Wells
Palo Alto resident for 30 years
From: Loran Harding <loran.harding@stanfordalumni.org>
Sent: Saturday, May 2, 2020 9:26 PM
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Subject: Covid19 will be back in the fall!! And maybe worse. This C/B a two year deal.
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Sat. May 2, 2020

Doug- You were saying about the recovered having some immunity? Please read this. It does say that most experts think the recovered do have some immunity, but they don't know that yet. And immunity can weaken.

Anyway, this is a "good" article about how the virus will be back (never leaves) in the fall just as flu season hits. They should be warning people now to get a flu shot in the fall for sure. Having both viruses at the same time could not be helpful, and there is another reason.

https://www.cnn.com/2020/05/02/health/coronavirus-second-wave-fall-season/index.html
The other reason is that if we get a repeat of Covid10 next winter, we don't want hospital beds and staff dealing with serious flu cases, as we have every winter. In a program about ebola in Africa, they said that people were dying of malaria then because the hospitals were jammed with ebola cases. Those malaria cases would normally survive in a hospital.

Tonight's CBS network news had this: DARPA is working to identify the most powerful antibodies to covid19. They have to determine which three or four antibodies the infected produce which are the most powerful in fighting Covid19, and then clone them. They won't grow and produce the antibodies, although the story does show, confusingly, big bio-reactors where that can be done. Instead, they will inject into well people the genetic code- the blueprint of the powerful antibodies- and the person's cells will take up the blueprint and produce the antibodies. Slick if it works. This is a short stop, a temporary fix until they get a vaccine.

Sure is related, at least, to how a vaccine works. With a vaccine, you inject a part of the virus, the immune system sees it and produces antibodies to it. Then when the full blown, intact virus invades, the body has custom made antibodies to fight it. But it makes a variety of antibodies, some more effective than others. Here, you inject into the person the blueprint for the antibody, and his cells produce the antibodies. So you take out the work the body has to do to identify which antibodies best will kill the virus. You do that for the body, and just give it the blue prints for the antibodies that you know will work, and work well, against the virus and the body produces these very effective antibodies.

Here is the report, which ran tonight, May 2, 2020, but apparently ran earlier this week on a CBS morning show:


L. William Harding
Fresno

Let me get one more tiny item off my chest: The networks keep showing people demonstrating against the shut down, out in front of State capitols, e.g. They say that large numbers of people are demonstrating to re-open the country! OK. So that means that they represent the majority opinion? No. 75% of Americans want the lock down continued, polls keep showing. Those 75% would not risk their lives demonstrating in front of a government building. They are locked down precisely because they believe that social mixing is a risk to their lives. So that is one part of the fallacy of the networks' presentation.

The other part is this: Even if you were willing to go out to support the lockdown, would you go hold up a sign saying "Keep the lockdown. Save lives", You'd go do that around the perimeter of people yelling and holding automatic weapons, Nazi flags and Confederate flags? Not unless you didn't mind risking your life or serious injury.

People who write this junk at the networks either can't think or they want to appeal to the least educated, most violent and lowest IQ among us. Of course, the networks are big companies, and their ad revenue must be way down with so much of business closed down. They have a financial stake in getting the lockdown lifted.

LH
It is absolutely ridiculous to have so many parks closed! Seriously, it IS possible to stay 50’ away from people in Arastradero Preserve. People need to get out in nature and the arbitrary closure of this park is totally and completely unnecessary! What happened to common sense??
Baumb, Nelly

From: Guillaume Bienaime <guillaumebienaime@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 3, 2020 11:15 AM
To: Shikada, Ed; Council, City
Subject: Viewpoint: We’re going to have to get creative to save restaurants, retail - San Francisco Business Times

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https://www.bizjournals.com/sanfrancisco/news/2020/05/01/viewpoint‐were‐going‐to‐have‐to‐get‐creative‐to.html

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Does the City require dental offices remain closed except for urgent care as of tomorrow?? No change?

I ask because the SC County reports that the offices can reopen for procedures without limitation tomorrow and the CDC RECOMMENDS that they remain closed except for urgent care.

So what does the City require?

How many cases does Palo Alto report of coronavirus-19?

Natalie Fisher
Palo Alto
Read below. I received no helpful; answer. What does the City say about dental offices?

Natalie

I went to the link: County of SC Public Health COVID-19 Information again and found this again:

For the purposes of this Order, individuals may leave their residence to work for, volunteer at, or obtain services at “Healthcare Operations,” including, without limitation, hospitals, clinics, COVID-19 testing locations, dentists, pharmacies, blood banks and blood drives, pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies, other healthcare facilities, healthcare suppliers, home healthcare services providers, mental health providers, or any related and/or ancillary healthcare services. “Healthcare Operations” also includes veterinary care and all healthcare services provided to animals. This exemption for Healthcare Operations shall be construed broadly to avoid any interference with the delivery of healthcare, broadly defined. “Healthcare Operations” excludes fitness and exercise gyms and similar facilities.

So? Nothing about postponing elective procedures. It says "without limitation". What do you say?

Natalie

Thank you for your follow-up Nat,
Dental offices have not been required to close. Elective procedures should be postponed under the guidance of the CDC. All healthcare facilities have been strongly encouraged to remain open through the enactment of the Order.

For additional resources click on the links below:

County of Santa Clara Public Health COVID-19 Information

CDC COVID-19 Information

County of Santa Clara General Information

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From: Nat Fisher <sukiroo@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2020 12:48 PM
To: SCC Public Questions <publicquestions@eoc.sccgov.org>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Public Concern Received

Please let me know if I am reading the new order correctly.

As if May 4, Dental offices can open without limitation. That means cleanings can be done. I wonder if those dental offices which are closed are being informed that they can reopen as of May 4.

Natalie Fisher

From: SCC Public Questions <publicquestions@eoc.sccgov.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 29, 2020 3:28 PM
To: Nat Fisher <sukiroo@hotmail.com>
Subject: RE: Public Concern Received

Hi Natalie! Our latest Order and more information has been posted here: https://www.sccgov.org/sites/covid19/Pages/order-health-officer-050420.aspx. Hope this helps.

In health,

Jenee Fortier
County of Santa Clara Emergency Operations Center
Website: http://sccgov.org/coronavirus
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/sccpublichealth/
Instagram: @scc_publichealth
More information on the Shelter in Place Order can be found here.

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Sent: Wednesday, April 29, 2020 12:51 PM
To: SCC Public Questions <publicquestions@eoc.sccgov.org>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Public Concern Received

Will you let me know of the details mentioned below?

Natalie Fisher
Palo Alto

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From: SCC Public Questions <publicquestions@eoc.sccgov.org>
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 2:07 PM
To: sukiroo@hotmail.com <sukiroo@hotmail.com>
Subject: RE: Public Concern Received

Hi Natalie,
Thank you so much for your message and for sharing your concern. We, in conjunction with six other Bay Area counties, are working hard to revise our current shelter-in-place order in a way that balances public safety with public interest. Part of this is determining what services are truly essential. Your concern has been shared. We are announcing more details later this week so we ask that you remain patient. We thank you for staying home to stay safe.

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Email Subject: Ask a question or share a concern has been received!

I Have Read the Question: Yes
My question is about: Healthcare
First Name: Natalie
Last Name: Fisher
Email: sukiroo@hotmail.com
Phone Number: 650-326-6359
Zip Code: 94303
I have a question about: Dentists are essential. I can't get my teeth cleaned and they must be cleaned regularly or I'm in danger of losing teeth! I'm 81 years old and I have a problem with my gums. To avoid worse gum damage and the possible lost of teeth, they must be cleaned regularly. I don't understand why dental offices are closed. They are an essential service.
Dear City Council,

In March, I wrote to you regarding residential home construction continuing and asking you to take a step beyond the county order and stop non-affordable housing residential construction. Subsequently, the order was revised at the state level to prevent such construction, but those restrictions have been lifted.

The house next to mine was demolished entirely right before the previous order went into place. Today, it is again teeming with activity. There are 3-4 trucks, heavy equipment, and many workers that are not wearing masks or practicing social distancing. What is the immediate result of this activity? My two small children, 5 and 2, can no longer play in our yard. We cannot go to the city's parks, because those have been closed. We cannot go friends or neighbors homes to play, because that is a public health risk. In short, our children now don't have an accessible safe place to be kids outside. They cannot garden or play with their toys or kiddie pool. We live in 800 sq ft and their last bit of space to move their bodies was just taken away.

What is being built? Two multi-million housing units are being built by a developer.

We have all seen the graphs of what is coming in the second wave. So, the construction activity is increasing the risk of future death and illness and making life exceptionally more difficult for those of us trying to do the right thing and stay home.

I ask that you do the right thing for your residents (not developers) and put an end to residential construction during this time.

Thank you,

Andrew Simon-Rooke