



City of Sebastopol Community Newsletter

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**March 12 - March 18 Special Weekly Edition of
Sebastopol Community Newsletter**

Please visit socoemergency.org for the most up-to-date information on the coronavirus crisis in Sonoma County.

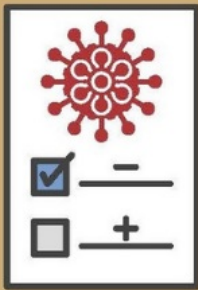
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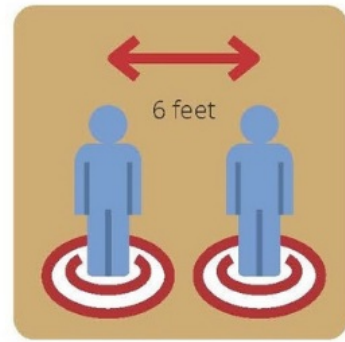
This week's original newsletter contained some outdated information on the current Sonoma County tier level. That information has been removed. Sonoma County has been in the red tier as of March 14, 2021.



GET TESTED



WEAR A MASK



STAY 6 FEET APART



WASH YOUR HANDS



AVOID CROWDS



GET VACCINATED

COVID POP-UP TESTING LOCATION AT ST. SEBASTIAN ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

CLICK LINK FOR DETAILS

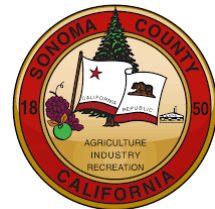
[ST. SEBASTIAN ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH](#)

Increased testing will help our county to move to less restrictive tiers.

SONOMA COUNTY NOW IN THE RED TIER

Sonoma County, for the first time, moved out of the most restrictive purple tier within California's four-tier, color-coded Blueprint for a Safer Economy on Sunday, March 14.

See the full [Press Release](#) for what moving from the purple tier into the red tier for the county means.



THIEVES ARE STILL ON THE PROWL FOR CATALYTIC CONVERTERS IN SEBASTOPOL



SEBASTOPOL POLICE DEPARTMENT

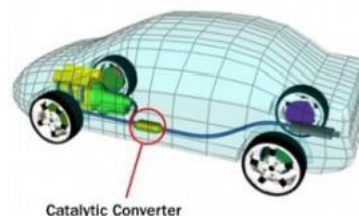
6850 Laguna Park Way

Sebastopol, CA 95472

(707) 829-4400

WARNING!

A catalytic converter is located underneath your car and is attached to your exhaust system. Since catalytic converters contain expensive metals like platinum, palladium and rhodium, they are often stolen and “scrapped” for a quick profit. Thieves often use power saws in the middle of the night to quickly cut the converters off. The City of Sebastopol and other parts of Sonoma County have recently seen an increase in the number of catalytic converter thefts. If you have a Toyota Prius, you’re most at risk.



Below are some prevention tips that can help reduce your risk.

- Parking in your enclosed garage is always best.
- If parked outside, park in front of high-resolution security cameras and motion lights.
- Install a catalytic converter protection device (usually around \$500).
- Etch your converter with your vehicle’s license plate number in several different locations.
- If your converter is stolen, file a police report immediately after the theft is discovered.
- Spread community awareness. Thieves sometimes strike repeatedly in the same neighborhoods so it’s good for the neighbors to be aware.

If you see or hear anything suspicious, call us immediately at (707) 829-4400.

IMPORTANT: Please be sure to report all thefts immediately to Sebastopol PD so they can continue to take steps to mitigate this criminal activity.

WATER CONSERVATION TIPS FROM SAVE OUR WATER

[Save Our Water](#) is a statewide, water conservation program created in 2009 by the

Association of California Water Agencies and the California Department of Water Resources. The program's goal is to make water conservation a daily habit among Californians.



HOW TO SAVE WATER: AROUND THE HOUSE

- **Fill Bathtub Halfway or Less** Filling up your bathtub halfway or less can save 12 gallons of water per bath.
- **Fix Leaks** Fixing leaks can save 110 gallons of water each month.
- **Install High-Efficiency Toilets** Installing high-efficiency toilets can save 19 gallons per person each day.
- **Take 5-minute Showers** Keeping showers under 5 minutes can save 12.5 gallons per shower when using a water-efficient showerhead.
- **Wash Full Loads of Clothes and Dishes** Washer: saves 15–45 gallons per load. Dishwasher: saves 5–15 gallons per load.
- **Install Aerators** Installing aerators can save 1.2 gallons per person per day.
- **Recycle Indoor Water and Irrigate Your Garden** Recycling indoor water to use outdoors can cut water use by 30%.
- **Turn Off Water When Brushing Teeth Or Shaving** Saves 10 gallons per person per day.

HOW TO SAVE WATER: AROUND THE YARD

- **Use Water-wise Plants** Check with your local water agency on the best plants for your area. It is best to use water-wise, California-native plants when possible.
- **Install Drip Irrigation & Add a Smart Controller** Installing a drip irrigation system and a smart controller can save 15 gallons each time you water.
- **Use a Broom to Clean Outdoor Areas** Using a broom to clean outdoor areas can save 8–18 gallons every minute.
- **Set Mower Blades to 3"** Setting mower blades to three inches encourages deeper roots and saves 16–50 gallons per day.
- **Use Mulch** Using mulch can save 20–30 gallons of water per 1000 sq. ft. each time you water.
- **Reimagine Your Yard** Feed your vegetables and fruits water first because they feed you! Water-wise plants and shade trees use little or no water once established. Thirsty plants such as lawn and container plants are the lowest priority.
- **Use Drought-resistant Trees, Plants** Using drought-resistant plants and trees can save 30–60 gallons per 1000 sq. ft. each time
- **Adjust Sprinkler Heads & Fix Leaks** Saves 12–15 gallons each time you water & a leak about as small as the tip of a ballpoint pen can waste about 6,300 gallons of water per month!

SONOMA CLEAN POWER OFFERS BIKE ELECTRIC INCENTIVE PROGRAM FOR INCOME-QUALIFIED CUSTOMERS



Replace car rides and commutes to work with a clean electric bicycle!

Sonoma Clean Power has launched a new program to help connect residents in need of personal transportation with incentives for electric bicycles (eBikes).

Sonoma Clean Power customers who qualify for CARE/FERA, CalFresh/SNAP, LIHEAP, Head Start, and other income-based assistance programs can apply to receive \$1,000 off the purchase of an eBike from participating local bike retailers.

Through the "Bike Electric" program, SCP hopes to stimulate the local eBike market, further support the adoption of clean modes of transportation, and make eBikes accessible to residents who could benefit most from owning one.

To learn more and see if you qualify for the Bike Electric incentive, visit the Sonoma Clean Power website [here](#).

SLOW CAT'S TREASURE HUNT FOR KIDS!!



Slow Cat's Treasure Hunt runs through April 29, 2021. Children are invited to look for Slow Cat stickers placed throughout Libby Park and Playground and mark sticker locations on a map. Participants are not to remove stickers or attempt to remove stickers. Download a map [here](#) or pick one up from the Little Free Library box at the playground or the City Hall breezeway.

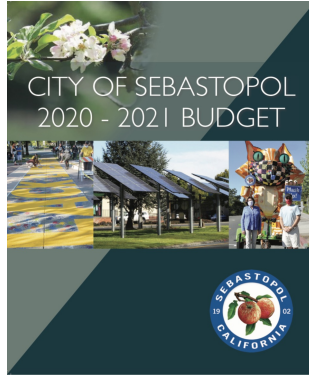
Take your map through Libby Park and hunt for [these](#) Slow Cat stickers hidden around the park. A parent/guardian needs to fill out the waiver form on the reverse of the map and completed forms can be mailed in to City Hall at 7120 Bodega Ave., Sebastopol, CA 95472 or dropped off through the mail slot at City Hall. **All entries must be received by April 30, 2021.**

Slow Cat will mail you your own sticker and you'll also have a chance to win a Slow Cat trophy. A drawing will be held from the entrants in each age group. The age groups are 5 and under, 6-9, and 10 and up. Winners in each age group will be announced in media and will receive a prize: a trophy donated by

Patrick Amiot. Winners will be notified May 5, 2021. Trophies will be distributed at the end of May.

QUESTIONS? outreach@cityofsebastopol.org or (707) 823-1153

BUDGET MEETINGS ARE COMING UP! STUDY UP AND BE A PART OF IT!



Review the [2020-2021 Adopted Budget](#)

The public is invited to join the meeting via zoom. Zoom information coming soon.

Date: Tuesday, March 30, 2021

Time: 8:30 AM

MAP YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD EMERGENCY AND DISASTER PREPAREDNESS NEWS

Introduction to MYN:

Provided through the Map Your Neighborhood (MYN) Program as part of the Sebastopol Fire Department's support of community preparedness. Open to all Sebastopol area residents.

Introduction to MYN - 60-minute Zoom class. Learn the 9 steps of the MYN program to help neighborhoods prepare for emergencies and disasters. Two dates to choose from in March and April:

- March 24 from 6:30-7:30 pm
- April 21 from 6:30-7:30 pm



The Sebastopol Neighborhood Communication Unit (SNCU):

Part of the MYN Program, SNCU is a radio communications network that will connect MYN neighborhoods to each other and to a central base station housed within the Sebastopol Fire Department. Neighbors using handheld radios are the most important link in this communications plan. Monthly skills training classes are being scheduled now.

To sign up or learn more about these and other preparedness programs, contact Skip Jirrels, Sebastopol Fire department Public Safety Outreach Coordinator at sjirrels@cityofsebastopol.org or 707-799-2204.

RECOLOGY LIVE ZOOM SERIES - "ASK A WASTE ZERO EXPERT"

Make sorting mysteries history!



Ask a Waste Zero Expert

Learn more about what goes where and get your recycling, compost, garbage, and hazardous waste questions answered.

March 19th / April 2nd, 16th

Fridays, 11:30am - 12:30pm

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

March 24th / April 7th

Wednesdays, 5:30pm - 6:30pm

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)



BAY AREA BIKE MONTH IS JUST 7 WEEKS AWAY



BIKE MONTH 2021



May is National Bike Month, created by the League of American Cyclists in 1956 to promote the benefits of bicycling and encourage more folks to give it a try. In preparation for local festivities, the [Sonoma County Bicycle Coalition](#) (SCBC) has opened nominations for two awards: Bicycle Champion of the Year and Bike-Friendly Business of the Year.

Each year, SCBC honors an individual whose commitment to bicycle riding serves as an inspiration to others, someone who is truly committed to riding their bike for everyday transportation, a cyclist who encourages others to get out and pedal maybe for the first time or to start again. Our Bike-Friendly Business of the Year award is designed to educate employers on ways they can encourage bicycle commuting. Nomination forms are available online at bikesonoma.org/BTWD and the deadline is **April 1st**.

Other Bike to Wherever events include; a virtual pre-Bike to Wherever Day bike clinic; Safe Cycling classes; and Bike to Wherever Day Energizer Stations on Friday May 21st. For more information, visit bikesonoma.org/btwd or contact Cherie Barnett at 707-545-0153 or cherie@bikesonoma.org.

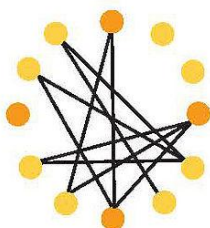
OPEN APPOINTMENTS FOR COMMISSIONS AND COUNCILS IN DISTRICT 5 AND SONOMA COUNTY

Become part of an advisory group guiding the future of District 5 and Sonoma County. You can help bring the community perspective to future plans.

[Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee](#)

[Sonoma County Advisory Redistricting Commission 2021](#)

SEBASTOPOL AREA TIME BANK - BUILDING COMMUNITY ONE HOUR AT A TIME



[Sebastopol Time Bank](#) is a network of local residents who help each other by sharing their skills and talents on an hour-for-hour basis.

Virtual orientations are held by appointment and on the 10th of each month at 5pm. To register or receive more details email info@sebastopoltimebank.org.

RENTAL AND UTILITY ASSISTANCE FOR WEST COUNTY RESIDENTS

Rental and utility assistance may be available to West County residents who meet the following criteria:

1. Can document that they owe back rent or utility payments as a result of the loss of income due to COVID-19 (as far back as March 2020)
2. Did not receive any rental or utility support through the previous CARES program from October-December 2020, from any agency.

For more information, or to apply to the program, please visit the West County Community Services website at westcountyservices.org or River to Coast Children's Services rccservices.org para asistencia en español.

We anticipate the program will operate through April 30 or when funds are exhausted.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR CITY BUDGET MEETINGS

Public Meeting	March 30, 2021 Tuesday 8:30am-11:30am	Budget Subcommittee reviews Community Service Agency requests and provides recommendation to City Council for approval. City Department requests are reviewed by the Budget Subcommittee.
Public Meeting	June 1, 2021 Tuesday After 6pm	City Council Budget and Street Lighting Assessment District Hearings.
Public Meeting	June 15, 2021 Tuesday After 6pm	City Council Adoption of Final Budget and the Street Lighting Assessment District.

COVID-19 VACCINE INFORMATION

Information on vaccines and the availability of vaccination appointments in our county changes rapidly.

Please visit Socoemergency.org for the most current updates.



YOUR CITY NEEDS YOU!

HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN PUBLIC MEETINGS

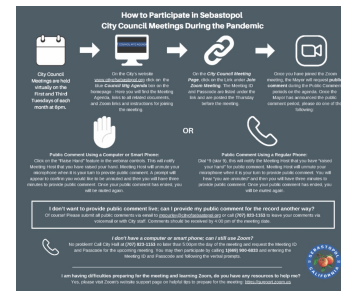


DURING THE PANDEMIC

Attend One City Council Meeting per Month.

Public participation is the cornerstone of our community. One impact of pandemic restrictions on public gatherings is that it's easier than ever to attend City Council meetings virtually and make your voice heard. These meetings typically take place the first and third Tuesday of each month and begin at 6:00 PM. Here's how to log in and participate. <https://bit.ly/3tVZF4K>

Click image for new infographic on how to participate in virtual City Council meetings.



TAKE THE TAKEOUT PLEDGE

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Once a Week is All We Ask

Join Mayor Una Glass and Vice Mayor Sarah Glade Gurney in pledging to order takeout once each week from one of our local restaurants. If even half the households in Sebastopol were to participate, it would go a long way towards helping to keep our local restaurants in business and many local residents employed. The dozens of restaurants in Sebastopol offer everything from budget friendly pizzas and tacos to fine dining. Most restaurants offer online ordering and curbside pickup, and some even deliver.

Check out the [City's Open Businesses](#) page or the [Chamber of Commerce's](#) site to see what's open and offering special services, and take The Takeout Pledge! With support from local news app Townsy, you can now [sign up](#) to take the Takeout Pledge to receive additional information, special offers, and discounts from local restaurants.

PLEASE ABIDE BY DOWNTOWN PARKING LIMITS

PARK ONCE and WALK in DOWNTOWN SEBASTOPOL
It's free, easy, and convenient!



Legend <small>Not to scale. Subject to change.</small>	Free Public Parking Lots P1 Behind Library & City Hall P2 Town Plaza P3 Near Rialto Cinemas P4 At CVS P5 Near HopMonk P6 Behind Chamber of Commerce P7 Across from Ives Park, Veteran's Bldg/SCA	Free Public Parking Lot City Building City Park Electric Vehicle Charging Stations (P3, P4, P7) Parking Lot Entrance	
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In order to help support our downtown businesses, please abide by the 10 minute and 1 hour parking limits as posted.

Don't forget that free long-term parking is available at several parking lots around Downtown.

ASK SLOW CAT!



THIS WEEK'S QUESTION: Slow Cat did not receive any questions this week and is taking this opportunity to indulge in a nice cat nap.

Have a question about the town we all know and love? Want to know more about the history of Sebastopol? We want to answer your questions. Submit a question via email to by clicking the button below. We'll post answers in our weekly newsletter and on our Facebook page.

[Submit A Question](#)



WHY GET TESTED?



Knowing your status helps you protect yourself and others, reduces transmission, and moves Sonoma County closer to getting people **back to work and school.**

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COVID-19 TESTING LOCATIONS FOR MARCH 22-28



COUNTY OF SONOMA

COVID-19 TESTING LOCATIONS

Free, convenient, confidential COVID-19 testing is available to all Sonoma County residents, regardless of document status

Monday, March 22

Molecular Matrix @ Luma Fitness, 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM
800 Petaluma Boulevard South, Petaluma

Alexander Valley Healthcare, 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM
6 Tarman Dr., Cloverdale (FQHC)

Center for Spiritual Living, 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM
2075 Occidental Rd, Santa Rosa (DHS)

St. Leo's Catholic Church, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
601 Agua Caliente Rd W Sonoma (Curative)

Alliance Medical Center, 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM
1381 University Ave., Healdsburg (FQHC)

Tuesday, March 23

A Place to Play Park, 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM
2375 W 3rd St, Santa Rosa (DHS)

Burton Avenue Recreation Center, 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM
7421 Burton Ave, Rohnert Park (DHS)

Codingtown, 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM
1000 Codingtown Center, Santa Rosa, CA 95401 (DHS)

Rincon Valley Unified School District, 10 AM - 4:00 PM
1000 Yulupa Ave., Santa Rosa (Curative)

St. Sebastian Roman Catholic Church, 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
7983 Covert Ln, Sebastopol (DHS)

Petaluma HC - Rohnert Park, 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
5900 State Farm Dr., Rohnert Park (FQHC)

Petaluma Valley Baptist Church, 2:00 - 4:00 PM
580 Sonoma Mountain Parkway, Petaluma (DHS)

Wednesday, March 24

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM
8400 Old Redwood Hwy, Windsor (DHS)

Russian River Senior Resource Center, 9:30 - 11:30 AM
15010 Armstrong Woods Rd, Guerneville (DHS)

Healdsburg Day Labor Center, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
405 Grove St., Healdsburg (Curative)

Sonoma Valley Community Health, 2:00 - 4:00 PM
601 Agua Caliente Rd W, Sonoma - St. Leo's (FQHC)

Thursday, March 25

Cloverdale Senior Center, 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM
311 N Main St, Cloverdale (DHS)

Santa Rosa Community HC, 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM
Vista Campus 3569 Round Barn Cir., Santa Rosa (FQHC)

Resurrection Roman Catholic Parish 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
303 Stony Point Rd., Santa Rosa (Curative)

Codingtown, 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
1000 Codingtown Center, Santa Rosa, CA 95401 (DHS)

Friday, March 26

Hanna Boys Center, 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM
17000 Arnold Drive, Sonoma (LHI)

Andy's Unity Park, 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM
3399 Moorland Ave, Santa Rosa (DHS)

Sonoma Valley Church of the Nazarene, 9:30 - 11:30 AM
18980 Arnold Dr, Sonoma (DHS)

Burton Avenue Recreation Center, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
7421 Burton Ave, Rohnert Park (Curative)

Bayer Farm, 2:00 - 4:00 PM
1550 West Ave, Santa Rosa (DHS)

Healdsburg Community Center, 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
1557 Healdsburg Ave, Healdsburg (DHS)

Saturday, March 27

Hanna Boys Center, 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM
17000 Arnold Drive, Sonoma (LHI)

Molecular Matrix @ Luma Fitness, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
800 Petaluma Boulevard South, Petaluma

Codingtown, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
1000 Codingtown Center, Santa Rosa (Curative)

Sunday, March 28

Hanna Boys Center, 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM
17000 Arnold Drive, Sonoma (LHI)

Molecular Matrix @ Luma Fitness, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
800 Petaluma Boulevard South, Petaluma

Codingtown, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
1000 Codingtown Center, Santa Rosa (Curative)

We are now offering Department of Health Service (DHS) pop-up testing, as well as testing opportunities with Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC), Curative, LHI, HRSupport, and Molecular Matrix:

- DHS/FQHC: Make an appointment @ sonomacounty.fullslate.com or call (707) 565-4667.
- Curative: Appointments must be made on the Curative website @ curative.com.
- LHI: Call (888) 634-1123 or make an appointment @ lhi.care/covidtesting.
- Molecular Matrix: Make an appointment @ molecularmatrix.com/covidtesting.

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VACCINES AND COVID TESTING ARE KEY TO KEEPING US HEALTHY AND PROTECTING OUR COMMUNITY

Testing is seven days a week, free, confidential and available to everyone, regardless of immigration status. You may be asked to show identification but it is NOT required and results are usually ready in 24-48 hours.

WHY GET TESTED?



Even if you don't have symptoms, you may still have COVID-19. Get tested so you don't pass the virus to others who might become very ill, especially those who are older or who have other medical conditions.



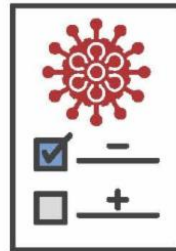
COVID-19 can come from anyone outside your household, even family members. Wear your mask, keep your distance, and get tested once or twice per month to keep you and your loved ones protected.



COVID-19 is easily passed from one person to another, this is especially true now with new variants that can spread more quickly. By testing, you help us identify these variants to make our community safer.



Testing gets us closer to safely reopening. The more we test, mask, and social-distance, the closer we are to returning to school and work. Get tested, even if you don't feel sick.



For help making appointments and access to resources and support if you are positive, including financial, food, and other, call (707) 565-4667.

Register for OptumServe: <https://lhi.care/covidtesting> or call (888) 634-1123

Register for Curative: <https://curative.com>

Register for a Neighborhood pop-up: <https://sonomacounty.fullslate.com> or call (707) 565-4667

Learn more at SoCoEmergency.org/test

SONOMA COUNTY WINTER SHELTERS

Sonoma County Winter Shelters offer 16 beds in addition to year-round shelters and help to protect people from the year's harshest weather. Spaces are available on a first-come, first-served basis, and may offer wraparound services as well.

[Winter Shelter Flyer - English](#)
[Winter Shelter Flyer - Español](#)



COVID-19 & HEALTH UPDATES

ONLINE TOOL AVAILABLE TO BOOK COVID-19 TESTING APPOINTMENTS



Sonoma County is conducting **free, confidential COVID-19 Viral** testing for those that live or work in Sonoma County. You can now make an appointment online by visiting the online scheduler [here](#) and selecting one of the available locations (you do not need to create an account to make an appointment).

- **Each individual must schedule their appointment separately.**
- Each person must provide a **unique email address OR cell phone number** in order to receive results automatically. (Email address not required for appointment)
- Two people cannot share the same email nor cell phone number.
- If you need help making appointments for multiple family members or young children, call our hotline at 707-565-4667.

Visit the SoCo Emergency website [here](#) for more testing information.

LEGAL AID OF SONOMA COUNTY IS HERE TO HELP PEOPLE IMPACTED BY COVID-19

If you have employment questions, benefits questions, tenant protections questions, or any other legal issues related to the pandemic, please contact Legal Aid of Sonoma County. Visit their website [here](#) for more information.



SONOMA COUNTY COVID-19 TESTING INFORMATION

Click [here](#) to view Sonoma County's COVID-19 testing information.

HANDWASHING STATION LOCATIONS IN DOWNTOWN SEBASTOPOL

To help make our community safer during the COVID-19 pandemic, the City of Sebastopol set up a number of handwashing stations throughout the downtown area. Click [here](#) for a list of locations.



DID YOU KNOW:

IF EVERYONE WORE MASKS

PROPERLY, COVID-19 CASES

WOULD REDUCE UP TO 80%

covid19.ca.gov

Coronavirus spreads when an infected person speaks, sneezes, or coughs within 6 feet of others. You may have the virus and spread it even if you feel well.

To prevent infection, you must cover your nose and mouth when outside your home. So wearing a mask is now required statewide. Wearing a mask or cloth face covering can slow the spread of COVID-19 by limiting the release of virus into the air. It also reinforces physical distancing, and shows you care about the health of others.

See the following website for more information and guidance on wearing masks:

<https://covid19.ca.gov/masks-and-ppe/>

NEED HELP WITH ESSENTIAL RESOURCES?

Visit the [2-1-1 Free Referral Service](#) website if you have questions or needs.

For additional assistance, resources, and help with essential needs, see the [SoCo Emergency](#) resources webpage.

ESSENTIAL SERVICES WILL CONTINUE:

Click [here](#) for information on Essential Services during the COVID-19

Pandemic.

WARM LINE FOR EMOTIONAL & MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT



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SUPPORT

The last few months have been very difficult for everyone in our community. You may be feeling stressed, isolated, depressed, and anxious. You do not need to suffer alone. Help is available.

**Please call the Sonoma County Warm Line
for Emotional and Mental Health Support:**

(707) 565-2652

Or visit SoCoEmergency.org

This free and private warm line is available seven days a week from 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. Telephone interpretation for other languages is available.



CREDIBLE SOURCES FOR COVID-19 UPDATES

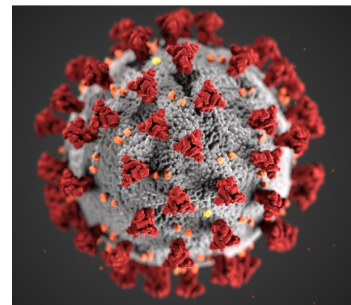
[California Department of Public Health](#)

[County of Sonoma Department of Health Services](#)

[SoCo Emergency Page](#)

[Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#)

[World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#)



EMERGENCY SAFETY & PREPAREDNESS

HAVE YOUR GO BAGS READY!

Are you prepared to evacuate if necessary?
Are your go bags ready?

Even though Sebastopol hasn't been under any evacuation orders or warnings, all citizens should be prepared to evacuate in the event one becomes necessary.

Everyone in your family should have their own Go Bag that contains a minimum of 72 hours worth of essential supplies. Personalize kits and keep them where they can easily be reached—at home, in the car, at work or school.



This is particularly important during fire season when a quick getaway may be needed. A backpack or other small bag is best for these kits so that they can be easily carried in an evacuation. During the COVID-19 pandemic additional considerations for your Go Bag include cloth face coverings, hand sanitizer, anti-bacterial wipes, and a thermometer.

[Build A Personal Go Bag](#)

SIGN UP FOR ALERTS

Make sure that you have signed up for:

[SoCoAlerts](#); and

Nixle Alerts (either [online](#) or by texting your zip code to 888777)

It is important to register for both types of alerts. If you receive Nixle alerts, read them thoroughly and click on any links.

Text Fire or Fuego (for Spanish) to 211-211 for updates.

More information on alerts may be found [here](#).

KNOW YOUR ALERTS

The City of Sebastopol uses multiple notifications and warning systems to make sure emergency alerts are delivered to the people who need the information.



Emergency Alert System (EAS) - No Registration Required

National public warning system that will interrupt local broadcast tv and radio programming to provide an alert in the event of a large-scale emergency.



Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA) - No Registration Required

Urgent alerts sent as text-like messages to your mobile phone based on your location (you will only receive notification if you are in the area of the emergency). WEAs have three alert categories- Imminent Threat, AMBER, Presidential. You must keep the factory settings on to your WEA- capable phone to receive a WEA.



SoCoAlert - Registration Required

Emergency notification service providing Sonoma County first responders the ability to alert residents by landline or mobile phone, text message and email about imminent threats to life and property in specific impacted areas. Register all addresses that you'd like to receive alerts for (work, child's school, etc.). You don't have to be in the location of the emergency to receive alert.

Must register at SoCoAlert.com OR call (866) 939-0911, press "0" at the menu, ask operator for assistance with registering for SoCoAlert.



Nixle - Registration Required

Community information service managed by Sonoma County Fire District and Sonoma County Sheriff's Office. Community messages are sent to email, and for critical emergencies, Alert messages are sent via text message and email (notifications are NOT delivered by phone call). Customize your settings at nixle.com to control which types of notifications you receive. Must register at nixle.com or text your zip code to 888-777



Local Radio and Television

Local news broadcasters to provide updates during an emergency. Tune radio to 1350 AM, 103.5 FM, 100.1 FM, 89.1 FM (bilingual), 98.7 FM (Spanish); watch preferred local TV news channel.



Hi/Lo Sirens

Sebastopol police cars and fire department vehicles are outfitted with new Hi/Lo sirens, a different sound than traditional sirens. This European-style, 2-tone siren will only be used in an emergency to alert residents within specific areas of the need to evacuate.

Other Ways to Stay Informed

Sebastopol Police Dept. 
Sebastopol Fire Dept. 
City of Sebastopol  



More information on emergency alerts and notifications at SoCoEmergency.org

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**FOR NON-EMERGENCY SUPPORT
FOR FIRES IN SONOMA COUNTY
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ARE YOU FLOOD READY?

The rainy season runs from October to May. The most severe flooding historically occurs between December and March. During this time you should be aware of anticipated weather conditions and take appropriate actions.

Know the flood warning signals: The Police, Fire Department, Public Works Department and Emergency Manager for the city are notified of rising floodwaters. Listen for Flood Warnings on local TV, and radio station KRSO 1350. Sign up for local alerts on your mobile phone. ***Be sure to heed the flood warnings.***

Flood safety:

Do not walk through flowing water. Drowning is the number one cause of flood deaths. Currents can be deceptive; six inches of moving water can knock you off your feet. Use a pole or stick to ensure the ground is still there before you go through an area where the water is flowing. Avoid contact with floodwaters. Do not allow children or pets play in floodwater. This water may be contaminated and poses a health hazard.

Do not drive through a flooded area. More people drown in their cars than anywhere else.

Don't drive around road barriers; the road or bridge may be washed out.

Stay away from power lines and electrical wires. The number two Killer after drowning is electrocution. Electrical current can travel through water. Report downed power lines to PG&E or call 911.

Be alert for gas leaks. Use a flashlight to inspect damage. Don't smoke or use candles,



lanterns, or open flames until you are positive the gas service is turned off and the area has been ventilated.

Sandbags

During the storm season, the Public Works Department offers free sand and sandbags behind the Youth Annex at 425 Morris Street. Please note, this is a self-serve area without night lighting. Shovels, bags, and sand (of course) are provided.

What can you do now to prepare?

Find out if you live in or near a flood zone

Have a personal/family emergency plan

Have personal/family/pet disaster kits prepared

REMEMBER: *Turn around, don't drown*

Disaster Preparedness information is available on the Sebastopol Fire Department [website](#).

For more information on preparing for floods and other disasters go to:

<https://socoemergency.org/get-ready/>

<https://myhazards.caloes.ca.gov>

<https://www.fema.gov>

<https://water.ca.gov>

Information on power outages during a disaster and other safety information from PG&E can be found at [PG&E natural disaster Safety page](#)

CITY NEWS

REGULAR CITY BUSINESS CONTINUES

Administrative Services:

- Administrative Service staff are available by phone or email for questions. Please email customerservice@cityofsebastopol.org; or call **707-823-7863** and leave a message and someone will respond to you.

Building Department:

- The Building Department is open and operating regular office hours - Monday - Thursday 7am to 5:30pm, Closed 12pm to 12:30pm.
- The Building Department is located inside the Fire Station.

City Manager's Office:

- City Hall is closed, but staff are available by phone or email for questions. Please email info@cityofsebastopol.org; or call **707-823-1153** and leave a message and someone will respond to you.
- City staff encourage the public to keep up with news and updates by following the City's [Facebook](#) page and checking out Council videos.

Engineering Department:

- The Engineering Department is open and operating regular office hours - Monday to Thursday 7am to 5:30pm. The Engineering Department is located in the Public Works office. Please note signage on door with instructions for safe interaction with staff.

Fire Department:

- The Fire Department is open and continuing to provide fire response and emergency services as usual.
- The Fire Department lobby is open during normal business hours Monday - Thursday 7am to 5:30pm, Closed 12pm to 12:30pm.

Planning Department:

- The Planning Department is (virtually) open Monday - Thursday 7am to 5:30pm (Closed 12pm to 12:30pm) and continues to accept applications. Staff is available via email or phone (707-823-6167). Planning is accepting new applications; please contact staff for instructions for submittals. Click [here](#) for details.

Police Department:

- Lobby is open to the public. For non-life-or-safety-threatening situations, we encourage the public to call the 24/7 police non-emergency line at **707-829-4400**. As always, in the event of emergency, call **911**.
- [Sebastopol Police Log March 8 - March 14](#)

Public Works Department:

- The Public Works Department is open and operating regular office hours - Monday to Thursday 7am to 5:30pm. Please note signage on door with instructions for safe interaction with staff.
 - Water and sewer utility systems continue to be monitored and maintained.
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CITY MEETINGS

All meetings will be held virtually and are open to the public to attend via web or phone link.

Agendas for upcoming meetings can be found on the City website by clicking the "[Meetings](#)" link on the home page. Agendas will contain information about participating virtually in real time when this feature is available.

City Council Meetings:

- **Meeting Days:** First and Third Tuesday of each month
- **Meeting Time:** 6pm
- **Livestream Link:** <http://bit.ly/sebcctv>
- To submit comments before the meeting:
 - **For Items Not on the Agenda:** Members of the public may submit written emails/comments for items not on the agenda either by email as a public record or by public comment during the public comment period of the virtual City Council meeting. All written emails/comments will be provided to the entire City Council as a public record but will not be read into the minutes at the City Council meeting. Written emails/comments should be received by 5:00 pm of the Council Meeting Date for submission to the entire City Council prior to the meeting and will be included as a part of the record of the meeting. Please submit your comments via email for this meeting to mgourley@cityofsebastopol.org
 - **For Items Listed on the Agenda:** Members of the public may submit written emails/comments for items listed on the agenda either by email as a public record or by public comment during the public comment period of the agenda item during the virtual City Council meeting. **Email comments must identify the Agenda Item Number in the subject line of the email.** All written emails/comments will be provided to the entire City Council as a public record but will not be read into the minutes at the City Council meeting. Written emails/comments should be received by 5:00 pm of the Council Meeting Date for submission to the entire City Council prior to the meeting and will be included as a part of the record of the meeting. Please submit your comments via email for this meeting to mgourley@cityofsebastopol.org
- **Next Meeting:** [City Council Meeting of April 6, 2021 @ 6:00 PM](#)

Planning Commission Meetings:

- **Meeting Days:** Second and Fourth Tuesday of each month
- **Meeting Time:** 7pm
- **Livestream Link:** <http://bit.ly/sebcctv>
- To submit comments before meeting, send an email to kvanstrom@cityofsebastopol.org
- **Next Meeting:** [Planning Commission Meeting of March 23, 2021 @ 7:00 PM](#)

(NOTE: All meetings will be held virtually and are open to the public to attend via web or phone link. Information for meeting attendance can be found here: <https://www.ci.sebastopol.ca.us/Meeting-Event.aspx>)

Design Review Board Meetings:

- **Meeting Days:** First and Third Wednesday of each month
- **Meeting Time:** 4pm
- **Livestream Link:** <http://bit.ly/sebcctv>
- To submit comments before meeting, send an email to amontes@cityofsebastopol.org

- **Next Meeting:** [Design Review Board Meeting of April 7, 2021 @ 4:00 PM](#)

Public Arts Committee Meetings:

- **Meeting Days:** First Wednesday of each month
- **Meeting Time:** 10:30am
- **Livestream Link:** <http://bit.ly/sebcctv>
- To submit comments before meeting, send an email to amontes@cityofsebastopol.org

- **Next Meeting:** [Public Arts Committee Meeting of April 7, 2021 @ 10:30AM](#)



GENERAL INFO



Check out the Sebastopol Area Senior Center's weekly and monthly virtual classes and workshops!

The classes include Chair Sail, Chair Yoga, Gentle Yoga, 10 Series Lecture on A Psychological Approach to the Old Testament, Support Groups, and more.

Click [here](#) to see what classes are available and to register.

SEBASTOPOL
CENTER FOR THE ARTS

The Sebastopol Center for the Arts has a fantastic education program lined up just for you!!

The classes include Spanish Songs, Pastels with Clark Mitchell, Spring Colored Pencil Workshop, Creative Process in Watercolor, ART SPOTS and more!

[Adult Classes](#)

Some classes have already started, so check them out and act fast... For full details visit the Sebastopol Center for the Arts website [here](#).

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SONOMA RESPONDS

A Community Memory Archive Un Archivo de Memoria Comunitaria

Tell Your Story

What comes to mind when you think about the past year? Sonoma County Library invites our communities to collectively build the historical record of living through COVID-19, the Black Lives Matter movement, and the impacts on daily life locally. [Sonoma Responds](#) is an English/Spanish online portal where you can preserve your stories through a variety of media.

Ways to Share

- Post on social media using #SonomaResponds
- Respond to reflective prompts online
- Upload images, videos, recordings, writings
- Nominate online content for a web archive
- Nominate material for the physical archive

Your submissions will be the primary sources that future generations use to understand the age of social distancing. These stories will live in the library's [Digital Collections](#) and with its online partners such as the Online Archive of California, Calisphere, and the Internet Archive.

EDUCATION RESOURCES

SUPERVISED DISTANCE LEARNING PROGRAM WITH THE SEBASTOPOL CENTER FOR THE ARTS

The Sebastopol Center for the Arts is offering supervised distance learning for families needing daytime help for children Grades 1-5.

The program offers:

- A safe, supervised environment for schoolchildren grades 1-5
- Small groups of 10-12 children who are staying in the same group for 6 weeks
- Supervision of the children by experienced educators who actively support the children during the zoom classes offered by their school

- An ideal environment for children who do not perform well at home due to lack of assistance or supervision
- A place for the children to interact with peers and continue to have a social life during Covid
- Outdoor activities together
- After school program of art classes taught by experienced artists in their field: music, dance, arts and crafts and more

If you know of a family or child that could use this help, write as soon as possible to Dana Swint, Education Manager at edumanager@sebarts.org.

First priority goes to Sebastopol Union School District students, but invite anyone interested to contact us. Scholarships and sliding scale fees available.

Click [here](#) for more information. Check out a video on the program [here](#).



SEBASTOPOL CENTER FOR THE ARTS

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SUPERVISED DISTANCE LEARNING PROGRAMS
WELCOMING ALL CHILDREN GRADES 1-5
A SAFE supervised space for your child's daily schooling during the pandemic with after school art enrichment. We'll keep your child on track academically and socially, while you're at work.

PRESENTA
PROGRAMAS EDUCATIVOS SUPERVISADOS CON DISTANCIAS SEGURAS
PARA NIÑOS DE LOS GRADOS 1 – 5
Ofrecemos un espacio seguro y supervisado para actividades académicas con enriquecimiento artístico después del colegio para que sus hijos se mantengan al tanto socialmente como académicamente mientras Ud. trabaja durante la pandemia.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE
Contact Dana Swint at edumanager@sebarts.org, (707) 829-4797 x 1009 to learn more. Only 46 spots available.

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SCHOOL RESOURCES FROM SONOMA COUNTY LIBRARY

School Resources

Recursos Escolares

Online Library 24/7

Biblioteca Virtual 24/7



Learn a Language
Aprende un idioma



Learning Express



BookFlix



Streaming Media
Transmisión de películas y más



Study Help
Ayuda con las tareas



StudentOne Card



Lynda.com



OverDrive



Libby



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This is a challenging time for our community, and Sonoma County Library is here to help with your back-to-school needs. Are you a parent of a school-age child or children? A student yourself? Maybe you want to enrich your self-learning. We've put together a list of resources that you may find useful during the school year...and beyond!

- Access educational [eBooks, and eAudiobooks, stream movies and more](#). This includes always-available eBooks and eAudiobooks such as [Diverse Reads for Teens](#) and [Diverse Reads for Kids](#) on OverDrive.
- Students of any age can connect with free tutors and more at [Tutor.com](#).
- Our Student OneCard partnership provides students access to library resources using their student ID number. [See the list of participating schools and learn more about Student OneCards](#).
- Earn your high school diploma online with [Career Online High School](#).
- Learn at home with our [Great Courses collection](#) on OverDrive. Explore 200 expertly-produced audio and video courses by professors such as Neil DeGrasse Tyson!
- Your library card gives you access to [Lynda.com](#), an online learning service that teaches business, technology, and creative skills through video tutorials.
- [LearningExpress Library](#) features nearly 1,000 online tutorials, practice tests, and eBooks for all ages.
- Why not use this time to learn a new language or brush up on one you're already familiar with? [Mango Languages](#) is fun and easy to use.

Still hungry for more? Your online library never closes. [View More eResources](#)

ONLINE EDUCATION RESOURCES



See the [Sonoma County Office of Education](#) website for news and information about Sonoma County schools.

The [PBS LearningMedia](#) website has several free online resources including standards-aligned videos, interactives, lesson plans, and more. The website also includes [PreK-12 Resources for Emergency Closings](#) that include activities, lesson plans, and videos organized by grade and subject area.

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