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PANDEMIC UPDATE

Santa Clara County moves to Orange Tier of State Framework

Allowed indoors: 	Allowed indoors: 
<ul style="list-style-type: none">> Indoor pools> Gyms and fitness centers max 25% capacity> Family entertainment centers max 25% capacity> Indoor dining max 25% capacity or 100 people, whichever is fewer	<ul style="list-style-type: none">> Movie theaters max 25% capacity or 100, whichever is fewer> Places of worship max 25% capacity or 100, whichever is fewer> Wineries max 25% capacity

Santa Clara County entered the Orange Tier of the State's COVID-19 Framework on Oct. 13, and the local Revised Risk Reduction Order took effect on Oct. 14th, allowing additional businesses and activities to resume indoor operations.

This includes restaurants, bars, wineries, gatherings, and non-essential offices.

For more details about what is allowed under the Revised Order, see the Order itself, the Executive Summary, or the press release from last week when the Revised Order was announced. There are also new mandatory directives related to Dining and Gatherings as part of the Revised Order.

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For more information, contact Elisabeth Handler. Public Information Manager, OED.

RECOVERY UPDATE

Business Tax Financial Hardship Exemption extended in San Jose

For both existing and new businesses, the City of San Jose offers a Financial Hardship Exemption Program.

Financial hardship exemption is granted based on the poverty level guidelines instituted by the Federal Government. The exemption is designed to help businesses owned by sole proprietors in the City of San José whose business income is at or falls below two times the poverty level income established by the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

If you desire to claim an exemption, please fill out the Business Tax Exemption form along with the Business Tax Registration Form and submit the forms with your payment.

To see a list of exemptions, please refer to Municipal Code 4.76.6 or to the Business Tax Exemption Form.
If you are registering a new business, apply for the financial hardship exemption when you apply for your business tax account.



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UPDATE - CITY SERVICES FOR BUSINESSES

Restaurants - Now FOG Compliance is Easier with SwiftComply



The City of San José is dedicated to providing innovative ways to help businesses thrive while also ensuring the health of customers and the environment.

With those goals in mind, the Environmental Services Department is offering a free ongoing, online service for managing and reporting grease control device pump-outs that allows restaurants to demonstrate compliance without an in-person inspection.

After an initial launch of the program in September 2019, more than 200 facilities have already signed up to use the online compliance solution that simplifies maintenance records retention and allows businesses to remotely demonstrate compliance with section 15.14.650 of the San José Municipal Code.

For all the details on how to apply and comply online, please view the guest blogpost from the Environmental Services Department.

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Businesses can receive loans to help with energy-saving upgrades

BayREN, a local government organization, has partnered with the Mission Asset Fund (MAF) to provide 0% interest microloans of up to \$2,500 for energy-saving upgrades for small businesses.

No matter the project, from updating to LED lighting to switching to ENERGY STAR appliances, MAF can help you choose cost-saving equipment, find the right contractor, and guide you through the simple loan application process.

Program Benefits:

- Loans from \$500-\$2,500
- 0% interest rate and flexible terms
- Financing for all ENERGY STAR certified products
- Quick online application process
- Opportunity to save up to \$100 per month on utilities



For more information and instructions for application, visit the guest blogpost from San José Clean Energy.

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New \$14M EV Charging Station Incentive Project Launches in San José



San José Clean Energy has partnered with the California Energy Commission's California Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Project (CALeVIP) to offer \$14 million in incentive funding to increase electric vehicle (EV) charging stations in our city.

Starting December 16, 2020, businesses, commercial property owners, and multifamily residences in San José can apply for significant rebates on eligible Level 2 and DC Fast charging equipment and installation costs.

The project will fund approximately 1,400 Level 2 connectors and 100 DC Fast chargers in San José. At least 25% of incentive funds will be distributed to installations in low-income and disadvantaged communities to further improve access to this infrastructure and move the needle on EV adoption.

For more information and instructions for application, visit the guest blogpost from San José Clean Energy.

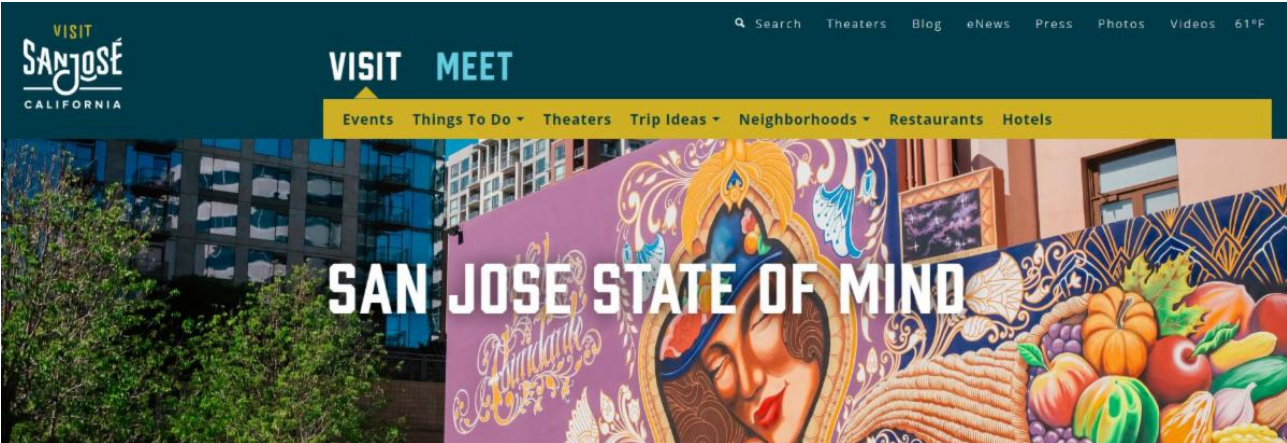
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EVENTS

During the Shelter in Place, we encourage you to check out [Visit San Jose's site](#) that features tours, activities and events that you can enjoy online.



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