

# Essential News



Hello Salinas Valley,

There's much going on. Here's a 3-minute video (in which I sport what looks like one of those Covid-19 beards), explaining [what the Chamber has been doing to advocate](#) for businesses.

Along with the Monterey Peninsula Chamber, we're leading the Coalition of Monterey County Chambers. On Friday, we sent this [letter to the Board of Supervisors](#). We said we want to be part of the solution and now we're working fervently on that solution.

Here's a link to last Wednesday's [Monterey Bay Economic Partnership summit](#), during which Dr. Chris Thornburgh offers a very interesting case for a strong economic rebound after Q2. His talk begins at 17:40 and runs until about the 40:00 mark.

Other than that, if we can be of service, please contact us: Phone 831-751-7725 or [Email](#).  
~Paul and the Chamber team and Board of Directors

## RESOURCES TO HELP YOUR BUSINESS

### Community Update on COVID-19 Testing

Monterey County Increases COVID-19 Testing with Two New Community Testing Sites [READ MORE...](#)

### VNA Immunization Clinic [See MORE](#)

still serving patients during pandemic through convenient curbside service [LINK](#)

### Self Employed - Unemployment

Self Employed people can get Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) starting through the EDD even if you have not paid into it. [LINK READ MORE](#)

### SBA - Small Business Administration (COVID-19):

Relief options and Additional Resources [LINK](#)

The SBDC has current Small Business Guidance, Loans and Resources [LINK](#)

### County of Monterey released a revised [shelter in place](#).

As it is a detailed 13-page document, here are some highlights: Shelter-in-place continues through May 31, with additional restrictions to include face coverings when in public.

Some industry segments including construction are able to return to work, while adhering to specific safety protocols. The entire document is linked above.

From the County Office of Emergency Services, here is the latest **Monterey County [COVID-19 Daily Situation Report](#)**



## USEFUL WEBINARS

### **5/7 (Thu 11 am) Getting Work Ready: How Employers Can Recover and Restart in the New Normal**

Do you have questions about the best way to re-open, ramp-up, and put America safely back to work? We have answers. [Register](#)



### **5/6 (Wed 9am) Live-stream: Manage Your Business Remotely in Times of Uncertainty**

Discover tools, tips and resources to help you manage your business remotely during the COVID-19 crisis. Learn how to update critical business information online to keep customers informed, and how to host virtual meetings and events. Registration link: [g.co/grow/smallbizlivestream](https://g.co/grow/smallbizlivestream) Space is limited, RSVP now.

### **How to Use Zoom - Free Video Conferencing & Virtual Meetings**

Most of us are pretty comfortable using Zoom and other video conferencing apps, but if you're not, here's a quick refresher. [LINK](#)

## Positive News

**GivingTuesday.** #GivingTuesdayNow is a global day of **giving** and unity that will take place on May 5, 2020 (that's today!) as an emergency response to the unprecedented need caused by COVID-19.

Many of the Chamber's non-profit members can use help always, but especially now. Here is a complete list with contact info for our Chamber non-profit organizations:

[LINK](#)



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