

Essential News



Greetings!

The Salinas Valley and Monterey Peninsula Chambers are leading what has been named the [Monterey County Business Alliance](#). On Friday, we sent Draft 2.0 of our proposal "[Restoring Commerce While Protecting Lives](#)" to help the Board of Supervisors make decisions to gradually reopen the economy. Our alliance has been communicating with each of the Supervisors and has incorporated their feedback in this update.

These efforts have met with success, with Supervisors thanking us for our efforts. We're pleased to report that the Board of Supervisors voted this morning to submit the County's COVID-19 Variance Attestation Form to the California Department of Public Health (CDPH). Acceptance of this Attestation is required to move Monterey County into Later Stage 2 of California's Resilience Roadmap (that is, "re-opening"). Currently, we are in Early Stage 2 and we expect to be able to move to Later Stage 2 within days. Once this happens, the County will issue a revised Shelter-in-place order that will allow for more business activities, including dine-in eating, in-person religious services, on-site retail/shopping malls and more.

To help prepare businesses for reopening, the state has issued guidelines and checklists for specific industries [here](#).

In other Covid-19 related news, the County Office of Emergency Services has updated and expanded the information in their Daily Situation report, which you can [download here](#).

Your Salinas Valley Chamber continues to be involved in working to protect and reopen businesses and other organizations.

~CEO Paul and the Chamber team and Board of Directors

Roxanne to Leave the Chamber

After nearly 8 years of working at the Salinas Valley Chamber, Roxanne Noble Boss will be departing the Chamber to work for Monterey County Bank. "Roxanne is the first employee that I hired at the Chamber after I became our CEO in 2012. We are happy that she's staying in the area and will be working for one of our valued members," said me, Chamber CEO Paul Farmer.

Roxanne's new role at Monterey County Bank will see her working on Community Relations with Clarissa Rowe. She will maintain relationships with current clients and help build new clients for Monterey County Bank. Roxanne's last day at the Chamber will be Friday, May 29. If you want to send her a note, here's her [Chamber email](#). The Chamber wishes Roxanne and Monterey County Bank much success.

On a related note, the Chamber is now hiring for this and another position. If interested, please search for "Salinas Valley Chamber" at <https://montereybayjobs.com>



RESOURCES TO HELP YOUR BUSINESS

Monterey County must get our Covid-19 testing numbers up! To be able to reopen per state criteria, Counties need to meet certain widespread testing metrics as one of the hurdles in the State's "attestation process" so this is a key factor in our plan for recovery.

There is no out of pocket cost for anyone receiving

testing and the State will cover the full cost for anyone without insurance. Click on the flyer for details including the location of Community Testing Sites.. Testing is by [appointment only \(link\)](#). (Nota: aqui puede ver la [misma informacion en Espanol](#).)



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Hire Interns to Work Remotely for You

The coronavirus known as COVID-19 spreading in our community and throughout the region has led to significant changes in how we live, where we can go, how we

communicate with each other, and how we work.

MBEP wants to remind you of a free resource available online to the business community and encourages you to post remote-work internships for college students. Remote internships can be done entirely via email, online chat and meetings, and phone. Learn about implementing internships and posting on [Monterey Bay Internships](#).

USEFUL WEBINARS

5/29 (Fri 1 pm) ATG Thermal Protect Webinar

ATG Thermal Protect is a highly accurate, thermal body temperature monitoring solution that is effective for fever screening. This solution allows for quick, accurate detection of elevated body temperatures. [Register](#)



Series of Free Webinars

Join @ComastBusiness for a series of free webinars that aim to help businesses of all sizes navigate the road to recovery after the pandemic. Topics include Rebuilding Hospitality, Supply Chain Recovery, Financial Services, and Telehealth. [Register here](#)

Positive News

MASA Program

Meals on Wheels of the Salinas Valley, started serving 12 people a day on March 30 and are now serving over 225 people, Mon-Friday. [Read MORE...](#)

