

Dear All,

The dearth of information regarding COVIN-19 on the county's website is of grave concern to me.

I wrote earlier about the lack of daily updates, particularly regarding the number of tests thus far administered, the number of tests positive/negative, the number of recovered cases, etc.

I'm writing now because I went to the county website today expecting an update, and not only was there not one, the tally aforementioned has been removed! Why? To what end?

Secondly, I'd direct your attention to Sonoma County's Santa Rosa Press-Democrat newspaper, which publishes a daily update of COVIN-19, which enumerates: total cases to date, number of active cases, number recovered, number of negative test results. Today's tally shows that 3,626 tests have been administered thus far in Sonoma County, while Mendocino County's last tally reflected less than 400 tests had been administered. Why is this? Without widespread testing, we're all flying blind.

Why are we so lacking adequate testing? Why are we citizens being denied this information? Can some one, any one, justify/explain this to me?

Additionally, upon viewing last week's BoS teleconference, I was shocked to see that our Public Health Officer was in San Diego(!). HUH? You can achieve a great many things, I guess, through telecommunications, but serving as the Public Health Officer during a pandemic -- it seems to me -- requires a boots-on-the-ground presence. In their (physical) absence, who's in-charge?

What is our Strategic Plan? Is there one? If there is, where is it, or when is it forthcoming?

Finally, I see nothing on the agenda regarding the inevitable shortfall in tax revenue. We've been in lock-down for almost a month now. Many businesses are shuttered, as well as Inns, hotels, B&Bs and (I trust) air B&Bs. Our local economies have taken a severe hit already with the loss of TOT and sales tax. At what point are you going to instruct the auditor and/or tax collector's offices to present a revised budget forecast? For a major income shortfall is coming at us as sure as sugar, and the County needs to prepare for it.

With All Due Respect, the hard times are here upon us, like it or not. Likely to get way worse before getting any better. You might hope you can achieve something by kicking the can down the road, but sooner or later, we're just gonna run out of road.

As a concerned member of the citizenry. I'd like more information forthcoming from your offices.

Regards to You All.

Please Advise. Stay Well.

Respectfully,

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