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## SPRING 2020 NEWSLETTER SPECIAL COVID-19 ISSUE

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## FACULTY DIRECTOR MESSAGE

On behalf of our office we would like to thank the dedicated healthcare and essential workers providing care and services to our community during the COVID-19 pandemic. The sacrifices you are making to stay home, protect yourselves and others is very much appreciated. At OCE we are extremely grateful for the contributions made by all our community partners at a time where the community they serve and their members is the utmost priority.

We are dedicating this issue of the OCE Newsletter to highlight the work that our community partners are doing to help vulnerable populations cope with the social, psychological, and financial impact as a result of coronavirus (COVID-19). Please take a minute to learn about the amazing work that community organizations are doing and consider supporting them.

Thank you for your support and commitment to the Office of Community Engagement.

In Community,

[Lisa Goldman Rosas, PhD, MPH](#)

**For current information regarding COVID-19, please visit:**

[HealthAlerts.Stanford.Edu](https://healthalerts.stanford.edu)

## COMMUNITY PARTNER HIGHLIGHTS

**FRESH APPROACH | BAY AREA, CA**

Fresh Approach is a food justice organization working closely with small farms in the Bay Area to expand



fresh produce availability to the most vulnerable households. This not only delivers much needed nutritious food to Bay Area families it also provides critical economic support to farmers. Fresh Approach is pivoting its in-person food preservation and composting education to online videos to make sure that people can still access their programming. [Donate](#)

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### SECOND HARVEST OF SILICON VALLEY

Second Harvest of Silicon Valley (SHSV) is the local food bank for San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties. SHSV and its partner sites are the only grocery stores for the most vulnerable populations in Santa Clara and San Mateo counties. During public health crises like the COVID-19 outbreak, kids and families on the brink of poverty are disproportionately impacted. When businesses are closed and hourly wages are scaled back, the service we provide is even more critical. SHSV is experiencing dramatic changes to its

volunteer workforce and distribution networks, please consider making a financial donation to SHSV or sign up to volunteer. [Donate](#)

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### VALLEY VERDE | SAN JOSE, CA

Valley Verde is a food security organization based in San Jose. Valley Verde is assisting struggling families living in food insecure neighborhoods in Santa Clara County in these times. Valley Verde launched a Vegetable Seedling Giveaway this spring. The seedlings that we will be providing to families, will not only provide the families food at this time, but will also teach them the skills needed to grow their own food in the future as well. Food grown in their own backyards will benefit them in the long run by providing them

easily accessible and healthy vegetables. [Donate](#)

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### VEGGIELUTION | SAN JOSE, CA

Veggielution is an urban farm located on Emma Prusch Park. It is considered an essential service provider as a (USDA/CDFA) farm and local food producer. Most of Veggielution's regular activities center on programs that gather large numbers of community members, which have all but stopped with the shelter-at-home order. It has pivoted direct service delivery to address immediate community food distribution needs through a program called Eastside Connect. Through this program, Veggielution is to

utilize its food truck to deliver hot meals to East San José residents (95116, 95122, 95127) who are confined to their homes. It is also partnering with Spade & Plow farm (in San Martin) to deliver farm boxes and tote bags of information, kids' activities, and other supplies each week. [Donate](#)

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### DAY WORKER CENTER | MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA

The Day Worker Center of Mountain View is a non-profit organization serving the communities surrounding Mountain View, Los Altos, and Sunnyvale. One of the many services provided by the center include free hot breakfast and lunch six times a week to nearly 150 workers; the center continues to remain open in order to best serve their workers and their families. The center serves many workers who are unable to earn income during this pandemic and don't

qualify for unemployment or other forms of income other than working in manual labor. Maria Marroquin, Executive Director, of the center is asking communities for additional funding that is needed to continue providing services to their workers. [Donate](#)

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### OPEN SOURCE WELLNESS | OAKLAND, CA

Open Source Wellness (OSW) delivers "Community As Medicine," leveraging high-touch small group relationships and dynamic experiential programming to cultivate resilience and wellbeing. OSW partners with health insurers, health care provider organizations, housing providers, employers, governments and other entities to support populations in need. COVID-19 has prompted OSW to take its

work virtual. Given that its work addresses so many of the crises that this pandemic is worsening (i.e., isolation, depression, diabetes, hypertension), it is needing to ramp up bigger and faster than ever before. Check out OSW's program online and support them! [Donate](#)

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### ROOTS COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER | EAST/SOUTH BAY, CA

Roots Community Health Center has stepped up in a major way to prevent disparities in African American communities related to COVID-19. Located in deep East Oakland, a predominantly African American community, Roots began a walk-up testing site on April 29, 2020, and the team has tested over 500 people to

date. Furthermore, Root's street outreach team (STOMP) and youth shelter clinic has been doing place-based testing of high-risk individuals who are homeless or living in congregate settings. The testing capacity, in part, comes from a partnership with Stanford University's Office of Community Partnerships in the Division of Primary Care and Population Health, directed by Dr. Jonathan Shaw. Stanford faculty-fellow Dr. Kenji Taylor, based at both Roots and Stanford, has also been coordinating efforts to get Roots patients tested through Stanford's drive-thru site in Emeryville. Additionally, Roots and Stanford are exploring opportunities around the use of wearables to monitor frontline staff at high risk of exposure to coronavirus. [Donate](#)

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**TRAINERS COALITION | SAN FRANCISCO, CA**  
Trainers Coalition is a San Francisco based nonprofit organizing working to empower all people to live a healthy lifestyle by making fitness resources available to low income groups. Currently, Trainers Coalition is partnering with Bento Essential in New York City to deliver free meals to medical teams at hospitals in New York. Trainers Coalition is also offering free

weekly virtual yoga classes to these healthcare workers to help them destress during this challenging time. If you are interested in donating to this amazing effort, you can donate thru Venmo @BENTOESSENTIAL, all proceeds will go toward providing meals and yoga classes to the medial first responders in New York City while supporting the kitchen staff and fitness instructors that make it happen. [Donate](#)

## COVID-19 RESEARCH REGISTRY

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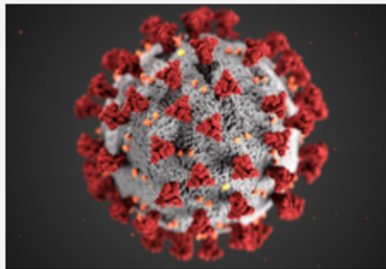
Join the COVID-19 Research Registry to participate in COVID-19 related research or clinical trials. Help us spread the word. [More](#)

## COMMUNITY COVID-19 (COCO) SURVEY

[TAKE SURVEY](#)

How is the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak impacting you and your community?  
Please complete a short survey today so we can help you and your community!

## UPCOMING EVENTS



[REGISTER TODAY](#)

*Zoom Link provided at registration*

## COVID-19 VIRTUAL COMMUNITY TOWN HALL II

What Does the “New Normal” Look Like in Healthcare, Education, and Workplace settings?

Having been sheltering in place since mid-March, our local community is eager to return to some form of normal life outside their homes. But in the absence of an effective vaccine and treatment options, what will the “new normal” look like? What kinds of changes can we expect to see when we seek routine healthcare, return to school (K-12 and higher education), or back to work?

Together with Stanford researchers, administrators, and local leaders will share their work on preparing the public to return to normalcy safely in the age of coronavirus.

This virtual event is designed for the general public outside the Stanford community, questions can be submitted at the time of registration. Please submit your questions [here](#).

### Panelists:

- David Studdert, [Professor of Medicine and of Law](#), Stanford University
- Nancy Magee, [San Mateo County Superintendent of Schools](#), San Mateo County Office of Education
- Megan Mahoney, [Chief of Staff, Stanford Healthcare; Clinical Professor](#), Division of Primary Care and Population Health, Stanford Medicine
- Russell Furr, [Associate Vice Provost for Environmental Health and Safety](#), Stanford University

**Moderator:** [Lisa Goldman Rosas, PhD, MPH](#), Assistant Professor, Epidemiology & Population Health; Faculty Director, Stanford Medicine Office of Community Engagement

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