

San Marcos Association Community Dispatch • April 11, 2020

by Jill Cliburn



The San Marcos Association (SMA) (<http://www.sanmarcosassociation.org/>) is a Registered Organization with Santa Fe County, a non-profit community service organization formed to represent residents and property owners in the area roughly bounded by I-25 and the western edge of El Dorado, south on either side of SR 14, and including the villages of Cerrillos and Madrid. It was formed in the 1980s to protect the rural, residential character of our community, to follow relevant County policies and plans. We advocate for property owners and residents of the area in matters of public service, utilities and the general welfare of people. The organization has played a role in County planning, including opposition to SR 14 truck stop development and strip mining of La Bajada Hill. At its Annual Meeting in February 2020, the SMA voted in a new board and officers, with a renewed commitment to supporting our neighbors, public services and local businesses.

Since the COVID-19 pandemic developed in New Mexico, our monthly in-person meetings have been temporarily suspended. At this time, the SMA encourages neighbor-to-neighbor outreach, to help everyone in the San Marcos community to weather this crisis. While we continue to plan a new SMA website and collaborations in “real time,” we offer this Community Dispatch. We welcome you to:

- Forward this dispatch to your friends
- Reply to TheSMAAssoc@gmail.com if you would like to be included on our mailing list.

SMA is non-profit, non-partisan and will NOT share its mailing list without your permission. The SMA is looking for a volunteer to manage the mailing list and assist with communications. We also welcome liaisons who can bring us in touch with County agencies, small businesses, and other community resources.

COVID-19 Questions?

For local news on COVID-19, the Santa Fe New Mexican is a good go-to resource. Even if you are not a regular subscriber, you can get limited access to the news about local impacts of the virus at *The New Mexican* (<https://www.santafenewmexican.com/>). The [New Mexico Department of Health](https://www.nmhealth.org/) offers verified information about how to protect yourself against COVID-19 and what to do if you suspect that you may have it. Don't panic. Just check with the Department of Health help-site (<https://nmhealth.org/>) or call the COVID-19 Hotline at [1-855-600-3453](tel:1-855-600-3453). If you need immediate attention for severe symptoms or if you have another type of health emergency, call 911.

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For news about which public services have been affected, we found that in [Girls Inc. of Santa Fe](#) has done a good job of posting links. Remember that the news changes frequently about COVID-19, so you may need to check a second source to be sure you are getting the very latest information. The City and County together have a website called All Together (<http://www.alltogethersantafe.org>), with a Spanish version at: <http://www.todosjuntossantafe.org>.

We also received information that could help the many small businesses in our area. The Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) is a loan that is forgivable (more like a grant), to those who keep employees on payroll at full salary? Go to the Small Business Administration for details: <https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/coronavirus-relief-options>.

Local Businesses and Friends Offer Food and Essentials

We've tracked a few local businesses that are reaching out to help those residents who should limit their exposure to crowds during this crisis. Remember, things change rapidly, so contact the business for current details. Here are a few ideas:

Cindy and Mark at the **San Marcos Café and Feed Store** have offered to bring in food items on a limited basis. These are mostly restaurant-sized containers, so if you are single, you'll be stocking up! [Email](#) the Feed Store for details. In short, participants should order by noon on Sundays or Wednesdays for pick-up on Wednesdays or Saturdays. Basic supplies include flour, milk, juice, beans, meats, some produce, toilet paper and so on.

Barbara Briggs at the **Cerrillos Station** (Cerrillosstation.com) tells us that she has an assortment of nice food items on hand. Beginning April 15, the store is closed except for curbside pickup of groceries or other items, and will carry items delivered fresh from La Montañita Co-op! Look up the Cerrillos Station Facebook page if you have online service. The store hours are shortened slightly, and consideration for social distancing is appreciated! Open Tues, Wed, Thurs, and Sat 11am to 3 pm.

You can still get great carryout from the **Beer Creek Brewing Company**. Call ahead at 471-9271 and get your pizza and beer. When we made our pick-up, we were greeted by live music. Let's not forget the musicians and artists who are suffering a temporary setback, but are truly essential in the long run! In Madrid, many businesses have closed, but you can find essentials at the **Old Boarding House Mercantile**. It's a lifeline that deserves our support. Also, please consider buying gift certificates from local restaurants like the Blackbird Saloon (when it reopens), The Mineshaft (planning on starting to go /pickup and some groceries week after Easter; will be open noon until 4pm daily), and The Hollar. Also, [Leah's Pastries](#) at 505-469-3448, in Rancho Alegre, is offering her tasty baked goods.

Note that the schools, including [Turquoise Trail Charter Elementary](#) School are providing food for their students, and several voluntary and non-profit organizations are working to address food insecurity in our community at this time. We will provide more information in upcoming Dispatches.

Look Out for Your Neighbors

The SMA recently discussed the question, "What can we do for our neighbors?" This neighborhood is typically friendly but quiet. A lot of folks value their privacy, and we do, too. But this is a special time, when it is kind to take notice, especially if you have a neighbor who is in an age or health category that would keep them isolated due to COVID-19. Call, email, or even drive by. A respectful call to find out "How 'ya doing?" might be just the thing to lift a neighbor's spirits—and in a few cases, to avert a real medical emergency.

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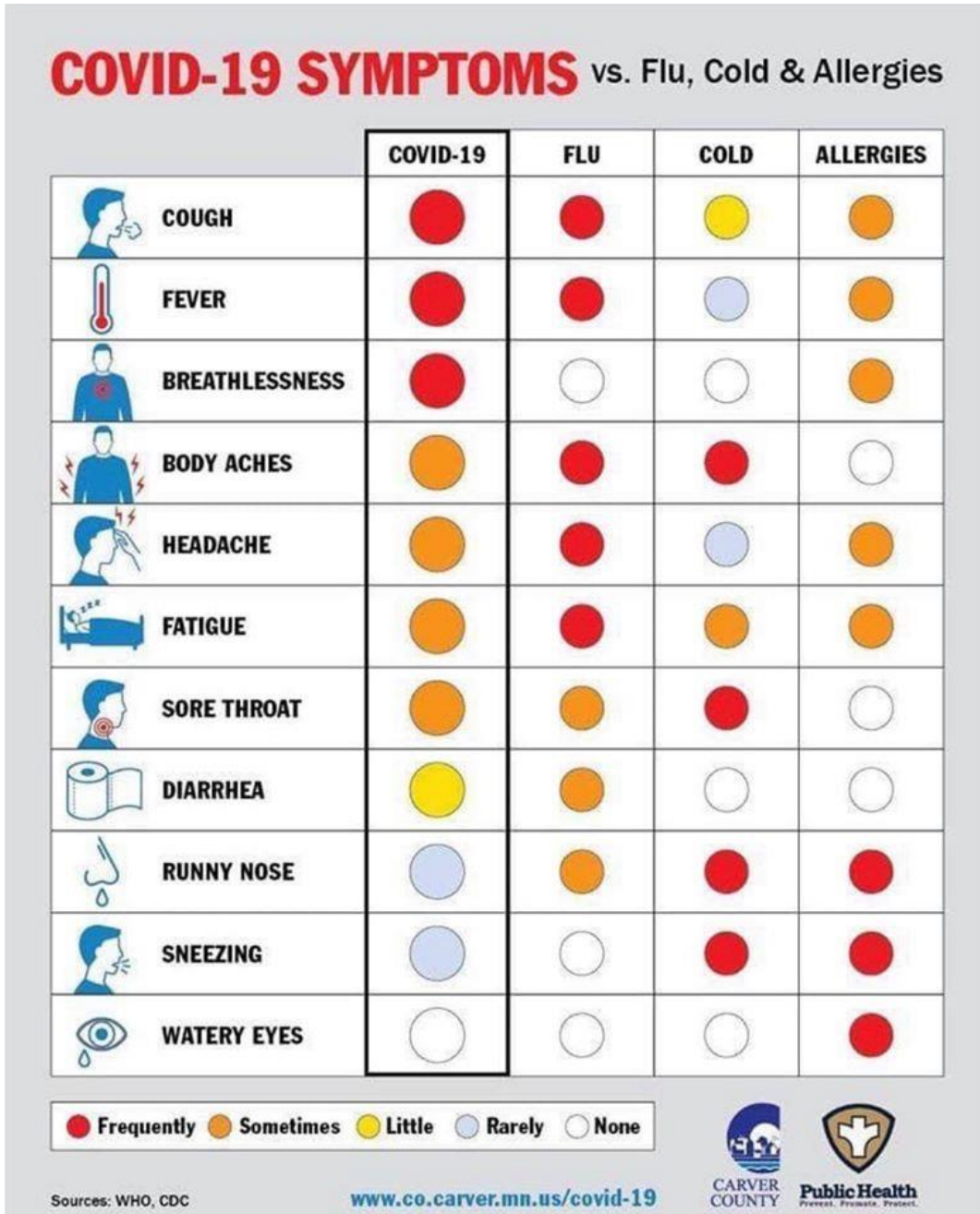
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Thanks to the Facebook Group *Turquoise Trail Community Assistance* for posting this handy chart. Lots of us have allergies this time of year. *Cover your cough!!* (or better yet, wear a mask). But understand that it may only be the junipers or budding ash trees to blame!



If you found this newsletter helpful, please let us know. There is NO COST to join the SMA mailing list. We are happy to keep you informed and we welcome additional volunteers. Contact TheSMAssoc@gmail.com for more information.

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