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For Immediate Release

Update on County Response to COVID-19

Redwood City – The County of San Mateo continues to work to protect public health and safety in response to the novel coronavirus known as COVID-19.

The County of San Mateo's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) remains open to coordinate countywide response and communications in response to the situation. The EOC's Joint Information Center will provide daily status reports Monday through Friday until further notice. Today's report:

Health Officer Issues Order for Residential Care Facilities to Expand Screening and Monitoring

San Mateo County Health Officer Dr. Scott Morrow has issued a new order requiring residential care facilities to screen residents and staff for fever and signs of respiratory illness and to alert San Mateo County Health when a resident or staff member has tested positive for COVID-19.

The order has been issued due to the increasing spread of COVID-19 within the county and the risk to residents in congregate care settings, especially those that serve the elderly.

Today's order includes other licensed facilities and agencies and requires them to develop and implement a COVID-19 Plan that follows the guidance from Centers for Disease and Control Prevention and California Department of Public Health for screening at nursing homes and other long-term settings.

This order supersedes the previously issued order on March 11 for long-term licensed facilities. Read the entire order and facilities covered here

<https://cmo.smcgov.org/document/april-15-2020-health-officer-order-residential-care-facilities-expand-screening-and>

View Today's Live Briefing by County Manager on YouTube

The live media briefing on San Mateo County's response to COVID-19 hosted by San Mateo County Manager Mike Callagy can be viewed here <https://youtu.be/BrzSP2xDizI>

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at <https://www.youtube.com/user/sanmateocountygov>

San Mateo County COVID-19 Cases

San Mateo County Health has updated the number of positive cases to 747 as of April 14, 2020.

County Health provides detailed information on cases by age group and date and deaths by age group. Learn more at <https://www.smchealth.org/coronavirus>

Call Center

Residents with non-medical, non-emergency questions about the coronavirus can call 211 at any time, day or night. Callers from landlines and cellular telephones located within San Mateo County are connected with a trained service professional from 211, a confidential service available in 180 languages.

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