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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:

### **Fair Home Arts Department Making and Donating Face Coverings**

Members of the San Mateo County Fair family have been making and donating face coverings to the San Mateo County Office of Emergency Services Operations, Event Center venue staff that are supporting the County's response to the COVID-19 pandemic emergency, hospitals and local nonprofit organizations.

Julie Curry, the fair's home arts and quilting supervisor, has organized this effort with the assistance of the Peninsula Quilters to make and donate hundreds of face coverings, with more on the way. "It is typical of the spirit of quilters, that in times of need, we turn to our sewing machines to lend a hand in any way we can," said Curry.

### **Statement of County Sheriff Carlos G. Bolanos in Response to Protest**

Protestors on April 22 called on the San Mateo County Sheriff to empty all the jails as well as to stop the notification and transfer of inmates to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

San Mateo County Sheriff Carlos G. Bolanos issued a statement in response to the protest citing that as of this week, there are currently 257 inmates in the Maguire Correctional Facility and 266 inmates in the Maple Street Correctional Center with the total population down by 47 percent since the end of February.

Of the more than 135 inmates released, no information was passed on to ICE due to the fact that their sentences were not finished with San Mateo County. No inmates in San Mateo County have tested positive for COVID-19, but two deputies have contracted the virus.

Read the full statement here: <https://bit.ly/3bw2C2k>

### **San Mateo County COVID-19 Cases**

San Mateo County Health has updated the number of positive cases to 966 as of April 23, 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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