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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:

Revised Shelter in Place Order Expected This Week

San Mateo County Health Officer Dr. Scott Morrow, along with the public health officers of the counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco, and Santa Clara as well as the City of Berkeley, announced in a joint statement today that revised shelter-in-place orders largely keeping the current restrictions in place and extending them through May are expected to be shared later this week. The new order will likely include limited easing of specific restrictions for a small number of lower-risk activities. See the joint statement <https://cmo.smcgov.org/press-release/joint-statement-seven-bay-area-health-officers-upcoming-extension-and-revisions>

The health officers of the seven jurisdictions have been working closely together in leading a unified, regional approach, to protect the health and safety of our residents. The current shelter-in-place orders in effect across the seven jurisdictions are set to expire on May 3, 2020.

Board of Supervisors Considers Moratorium on Rent Increases

At its Tuesday, April 28 meeting, the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors will consider adopting emergency regulations that place a temporary moratorium on rent increases due

to COVID-19 as a necessary step to curb the spread of COVID-19 across all areas of the county.

The Board recognizes that residential tenants who are struggling to pay rents at current levels while attempting to meet other basic needs may be especially harmed by rent increases while the local emergency remains in effect and could even hinder residents from complying with state and local directives to shelter in place. See April 28 Board agenda and items <https://bit.ly/2yQyjok>

SMC Strong Accepting Small Business Emergency Grant Applications

The San Mateo County Strong Fund's (SMCSF) small businesses grant program is accepting applications at <https://www.smcstrong.org/smallbusinessgrants>

The goal of SMCSF is to provide emergency assistance through the San Mateo Credit Union Community Fund to small, local businesses so they can provide payroll for employees, maintain operations, meet ongoing obligations and survive the economic impacts of California's Shelter in Place order. All qualifying small businesses, regardless of the immigration status of the business owners, may apply.

Earlier today applicants experienced some technical difficulties due to overwhelming activity on the site. The technical issues have been resolved and the site is now robust and ready to receive applications.

County Manager's Media Briefing on YouTube

Today's media briefing on San Mateo County's response to COVID-19 hosted by San Mateo County Manager Mike Callagy can be watched at <https://youtu.be/M8BMBeobeHY>

Subscribe to the County's YouTube channel 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 1,080 as of April 26, 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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