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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 Order Modification Allows Graduation Ceremonies by Car

San Mateo County Health Officer Dr. Scott Morrow has issued a new order permitting certain “highly regulated” gathering of vehicles, designed to allow schools to host modified graduation ceremonies. The order takes effect at 11:59 pm on May 11, 2020.

For gatherings of 10 or more vehicles, the order requires vehicle occupants to be members of the same household and to not exit the vehicle at the gathering except for specific reasons, such as to collect a diploma. Organizers will be responsible for ensuring compliance with the Shelter in Place order and events are not to exceed 200 invited vehicle.

The text of the order is here: <https://bit.ly/2SVqhC5>

Updated Shelter in Place FAQs Clarify Tennis Activity

Today’s update to San Mateo County’s Shelter in Place Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) page explains that tennis facilities can only be opened if they are going to be actively managed to reasonably ensure that tennis is either (1) only played by members of the same household or (2) singles played in a manner, in which each ball is touched only by a single tennis player. Any measures put in place must be reflected in the required posted written protocols and be monitored and managed.

San Mateo County provides interpretation of the County's current Shelter in Place Health Order on its FAQs page: <https://bit.ly/2YSNd8E>

County Manager's Media Briefing

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/96trN2pldcE>

View past briefings and 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 1,464 as of May 10, 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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