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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:

Board of Supervisors Recognizes Heroism of EMS Workers in COVID-19 Fight

The Board of Supervisors, on Tuesday, May 19, will proclaim the week of May 17 – 23, 2020 as Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week and pay special tribute to the emergency medical services professionals for their heroism as critical to the current fight against COVID-19.

The emergency medical services system consists of first responders, paramedics, emergency medical technicians, emergency medical dispatchers, firefighters, police officers, emergency nurses, emergency physicians, trained members of the public, and other out of hospital medical care providers, educators and leadership. They provide a vital public service 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

In the resolution, the Board cites EMS professionals as integral to the "Chain of Survival" serving on health care's front line, often working long hours, under difficult situations in which they frequently risk their own health and safety to care for others.

See the resolution <https://bit.ly/3bN9VBL>

Watch County Manager Mike Callagy thank the emergency medical services system for their heroism as critical to the current fight against COVID-19: <https://youtu.be/FEXXTQ01yUs>

Expansion of COVID-19 Testing Begins this Week at Three Locations

Testing for COVID-19 is now available in Daly City and East Palo Alto as well as San Mateo. Testing is available Monday through Saturday on a rotating basis through the three cities and free to any resident without the requirement of a doctor's note, symptom screening or medical insurance. See all three locations and how to schedule an appointment at <https://www.smcgov.org/covid-19-testing>

San Mateo County COVID-19 Cases

San Mateo County Health has updated the number of positive cases to 1,671 as of May 17, 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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