



NEWS

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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 status reports every Tuesday and Thursday until further notice. Today's report:

Beaches, Beach Parking Lots Close for Holiday Weekend to Reduce Crowding

This holiday weekend, in an all-out effort to reduce the density of visitors to the San Mateo County coast and as a public health safety measure, the State, County, and cities of [Half Moon Bay](#) and [Pacifica](#) will close state beach parking areas, city beaches, county beaches and access points to Half Moon Bay State Beach.

[San Mateo County Parks](#) will close Tunitas Creek Beach, Fitzgerald Marine Reserve and Devil's Slide Trail.

The closures begin sunrise Friday, July 3 and end 9 a.m. Monday, July 6, and apply to all residents and visitors. San Mateo County Sheriff's deputies will enforce parking regulations and ordinances banning fireworks.

Holiday Video Message from Regional, State and National Agencies

In anticipation of a record number of visitors to parks and trails this holiday weekend, San Mateo County Parks, Golden Gate National Recreation Area, Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District, and California State Parks, issued a video message with tips on how make your July 4th fun and safe. See the video at <https://youtu.be/TbQQ6oLs4Bg>

The agencies ask that everyone recreate responsibly:

- Rethink your plans: verify that your destination is open; have an alternate plan if an area is closed or crowded
- Resize your celebration: keep it small — only your household this year
- Remember to wear your face covering when you can't keep 6 feet apart

Sheriff's Office Reports Eight Inmates COVID-19 Positive; Four Recovered

The San Mateo County Sheriff's Office Corrections Unit reports that as of today, eight inmates have tested positive for COVID-19.

The facility adheres to precautionary measures, including universal testing, which helped diagnose the inmates who were asymptomatic. Four inmates remain in the medical housing unit for treatment. Approximately 1.5% of the average inmate population during the pandemic have tested positive for COVID-19.

Read the news release <https://bit.ly/2C5AzcX>

County Manager's Media Briefing on YouTube

The July 1, 2020 media briefing on the County of San Mateo's response to COVID-19 hosted by San Mateo County Manager Mike Callagy can be viewed at <https://youtu.be/pQA3bUki2zY>

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 3,376 as of July 1, 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 or 800-273-6222 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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