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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:

Board Appoints Committees to Address Community Concerns and Needs

The Board of Supervisors on Tuesday created three committees to address specific community concerns and needs related to the coronavirus outbreak.

The Board appointed a two-member ad hoc committee that will explore how to reach out to minority populations who are being targeted during the COVID19 pandemic due to xenophobia. Supervisors Dave Pine and David Canepa to lead this committee.

The Board also appointed Board President Warren Slocum and Supervisor Don Horsley to an ad hoc committee to address inequities exposed by the coronavirus and to adopt an equity platform to address any issues to ensure that immigrant communities have access to information and resources.

The Board also appointed Supervisors Horsley and Carole Groom to address the needs of seniors and resources available to them.

County Manager's Live Briefings Keep County and Media Informed

County Manager Mike Callagy hosts live media briefings via video conference several times a week to provide accurate and timely information on the County response to COVID-19. At each briefing, reporters are invited to pose any questions, without restrictions, to Callagy.

The Monday, April 13 briefing video is available on the County's YouTube channel at <https://youtu.be/Q7aqs4lvFCY>

Subscribe to the County's YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/user/sanmateocountygov>

New Site Connects Volunteers with Community Needs

Residents under the age of 60 who want to assist those in need during the COVID-19 emergency can sign-up on a new volunteer page at <https://www.smcgov.org/volunteers>

Through a quick survey, prospective volunteers identify their availability, how they want to help, and areas of expertise or volunteer experience. The page also lists community-based organizations and cities that are recruiting volunteers. In the short period of time since volunteer recruitment began, close to 1,700 people have stepped up and offered their time.

Email your questions about volunteering at SMC_Volunteers@smcgov.org.

San Mateo County COVID-19 Cases

San Mateo County Health has updated the number of positive cases to 721 as of April 13, 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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