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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:

New SIP Order Aligns County with State Early Phase 2; Additional Activities Allowed

San Mateo County Health Officer Dr. Scott Morrow today issued a new shelter in place order, effective on May 18, to bring the county into alignment with early Phase 2 of Gov. Gavin Newsom's Resilience Roadmap. Social distancing measures and face covering requirements remain in effect.

The new health officer order continues to restrict most activity, travel, and governmental and business functions to essential needs, outdoor activities, and outdoor businesses but adds the categories of additional businesses and additional activities to the list of permitted functions.

The new order focuses more on how a business will safely operate if open rather than a particular category in which it falls.

Additional businesses include retail store curbside service and other services that don't require close customer contact. Construction sites must outline comprehensive safety protocols for large and small projects, including establishing a daily screening protocol for staff.

Dr. Morrow says the activities allowed by this order will be assessed on an ongoing basis and may need to be modified or restricted if the risk associated with COVID-19 increases in the future. See full news release <https://bit.ly/2Lxw24G>

County's Great Plates Delivered Program Off to Great Start

More than 500 older residents have been matched with restaurants and other food providers across San Mateo County to receive three nutritious meals per day delivered to their home. The local program, launched in early May, is modeled after and primarily funded by the state's version.

"Thanks to this program, these vulnerable residents can remain healthy and nourished at home and minimize risks to their health during the COVID-19 pandemic," said County Supervisor and Board President Warren Slocum.

The program, administered by County Health, remains open for enrollment. Eligible residents, including adults 65 and older, as well as adults 60-64 who are COVID-19 positive or have been exposed to COVID-19 or have an underlying condition, are encouraged to call (800) 675-8437. Read news release <https://bit.ly/2WyoXao>

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 seen at https://youtu.be/mAuKFb_WMyI

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 1,575 as of May 14, 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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