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## **County of San Mateo Reinforces Commitment to State's Balanced Approach to Combat Spread of COVID-19**

**Redwood City** – Statement from County Manager Mike Callagy:

San Mateo County remains fully committed to California Gov. Gavin Newsom's balanced Blueprint for a Safer Economy, including the regional stay-at-home order when it comes into effect in the Bay Area.

The state has outlined the framework, based on hospital ICU capacity, that will trigger the stay-at-home order for our region when capacity drops below 15%. Currently ICU capacity in San Mateo County is more than 40 percent.

While we support our Bay Area colleagues' early adoption of the measures, we and five other Bay Area counties have chosen to follow the state's existing metrics and process as the vast majority of the state has as well. But to be clear, if and when the governor pulls the trigger in our region, San Mateo County will comply with the new stay-at-home order.

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*Under the state's Blueprint for a Safer Economy, San Mateo County is currently in the purple "Tier 1," which places certain restrictions on activities and business and other operations. Learn more at <https://www.smcgov.org/smc-reopening>*

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