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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:

Supervisors Launch San Mateo County Strong Fund with \$3 Million Donation

The San Mateo County Board of Supervisors today provided \$3 million in seed money to launch a fund to provide emergency relief to local individuals, families, nonprofit organizations and small businesses.

The fund – San Mateo County Strong Fund – is immediately accepting donations to help those who can least afford to weather the economic impacts from the coronavirus outbreak. A new website for the San Mateo County Strong Fund has been launched at www.SMCStrong.org.

In a separate action, the Board approved an emergency regulation establishing a temporary, countywide moratorium on eviction for non-payment of rent by residential tenants directly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Further information about the moratorium and the San Mateo County Strong Fund can be found on the Board's March 24 agenda:

<https://sanmateocounty.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

Health Officer Orders COVID-19 Testing Facilities to Share Results

Seven Bay Area jurisdictions are taking a unified, regional step to combat the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

On March 24, the Public Health Officers of Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San

Francisco, San Mateo, and Santa Clara, with the City of Berkeley, announced an order with new reporting requirements for laboratories that test for the novel coronavirus.

Laboratories must report results of tests for all residents of each jurisdiction to the ordering health care provider and the appropriate state and local health officials.

Read the news release at:

<https://cmo.smcgov.org/sites/cmo.smcgov.org/files/Joint%20Media%20Statement%20Lab%20Reporting%20Order.pdf>

Read the San Mateo County Health Order at:

<https://cmo.smcgov.org/sites/cmo.smcgov.org/files/HO%20Order%20c19-4%2020200324.pdf>

San Mateo County COVID-19 Cases

San Mateo County Health has updated the number of positive cases to 161 as of today.

Updates can be found at <https://www.smchealth.org/coronavirus>

Call Center Update

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.

The 211 service received 3,798 calls from the evening of March 6 through Monday, March 23.

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