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**For Immediate Release**

## **Update on County Response to COVID-19**

**Redwood City, Calif.** – 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:

### **County Closes All Parks to Slow the Spread of COVID-19**

San Mateo County Parks will close all parks at 6 p.m. today, Friday, March 27, to slow the spread of the coronavirus that causes COVID-19. County parks will remain closed until further notice.

The decision comes following a surge in visitors last weekend and observations of park and trail use during the past several weeks.

Parks staff will lock entrance gates and parking lots and post "Park Closed" signs at park and trail entrances. Park staff will continue to patrol parks during the closure. Read the full news release at <https://www.smcgov.org/press-release/san-mateo-county-parks-closes-all-parks-slow-spread-covid-19>

### **Be Alert for Scams During the COVID-19 Emergency**

San Mateo County District Attorney Steve Wagstaffe today advised San Mateo County residents and businesses to be alert for scams related to the novel coronavirus or COVID-19 pandemic.

A person who would like to report a COVID-19 related scam in San Mateo County should contact the District Attorney's Office by calling 650-363-4651 or at <https://da.smcgov.org/consumer-and-environmental-protection> or calling the local police department.

Read the full advisory here: <https://www.smcgov.org/press-release/be-alert-scams-during-covid-19-emergency>

### **County of San Mateo Accepts Personal Protection Equipment Donations**

The County of San Mateo is accepting donations of critical personal protective equipment (PPE) from organizations and individuals:

- Unused N95 respirators and surgical masks. Boxes and packages can be opened, as long as masks have not been used. Packages of disposable gloves, preferably nitrile exam gloves in all sizes.
- New unopened containers of commercially produced hand sanitizer
- New unopened containers of disinfectants and disinfecting wipes
- Packaged, unused protective goggles
- New surgical gowns; fluid resistant gowns; coveralls

Supplies can be dropped off Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., outside of the Maple Street Correctional Facility, 1300 Maple Street, Redwood City. Please do not drop off items other than those on the list above.

Questions about making a donation or a member of a technical organization (pharma, biotech) or other business with supplies to donate can be emailed to [smcmeddonations@smcgov.org](mailto:smcmeddonations@smcgov.org).

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### **Take the Census Without Leaving Home**

Filling out your 2020 Census form brings resources to San Mateo County for health and emergency services, education and many other important services. Participate at [www.my2020census.gov](http://www.my2020census.gov).

### **San Mateo County COVID-19 Cases**

San Mateo County Health has updated the number of positive cases to 239 as of today. Updates can be found at <https://www.smchealth.org/coronavirus>

**211 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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