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Update to 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:

Gilead Sciences Gives \$1 Million to SMC Strong Fund

On April 8, Gilead Sciences, Inc. announced a community donation of \$1 million to the San Mateo County (SMC) Strong Fund, which will provide financial support to individuals, small businesses and nonprofit organizations impacted by the COVID-19 outbreak in San Mateo County where Gilead is based.

Gilead Sciences, Inc. is a research-based biopharmaceutical company that discovers, develops and commercializes innovative medicines in areas of unmet medical need.

The SMC Strong Fund was established with \$3 million in seed money from the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors and in partnership with the San Mateo County Economic Development Association and the Silicon Valley Community Foundation. The initial funding by the Board comes from voter-approved Measure K funds.

Thanks to the generous donation from Gilead, along with those from individuals and businesses, the Fund now exceeds \$4 million. All donations will remain in San Mateo County.

Learn how to donate to the SMC Strong Fund at: <https://www.smcstrong.org/>

San Mateo County COVID-19 Cases

San Mateo County Health has updated the number of positive cases to 633 as of April 8, 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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