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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:

Health Officer Issues New Statement and Extends School Order

Health Officer Dr. Scott Morrow issued a new statement today, addressing the availability of data and next steps the community will take. Dr. Morrow also commended all who are cooperating with the Shelter in Place order.

“Although it may not seem like it, you are doing your part, you are serving your community by limiting your contact with others. Thank you,” Dr. Morrow wrote.

Read his complete message at <https://www.smchealth.org/post/health-officer-statements-and-orders>

In keeping with Dr. Scott Morrow’s message about cautiously moving forward, he revised the original School Operations Modification order set to expire May 1, 2020 to now extend through the last day of the current academic year for all schools in San Mateo County. Read the revised order: <https://bit.ly/2V46qlx>

Read the full news release at: <https://cmo.smcgov.org/press-release/health-officer-extends-school-operations-modification-order>.

Two San Mateo County Sheriff’s Employees COVID-19 Positive; Last Worked in March

The San Mateo County Sheriff’s Office announced on April 11 that two of its professional employees tested positive for COVID-19. The employees have not been at work since late March and the cases do not appear to be related. The work areas of both employees have

been professionally cleaned and disinfected. No inmates, correctional officers or deputies have tested positive.

Both San Mateo County's Sheriff's correctional facilities continue to implement measures to reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19, including screening anyone entering facilities, regularly deep cleaning and sanitizing facilities, and providing personal protective equipment to staff. Medical staff monitor for symptoms in the facilities. Because inmate populations have decreased, there is adequate space to support social distancing and to quarantine inmates if necessary.

Read the full release at <https://bit.ly/3aawyzf>.

San Mateo County Provides Free, Safe Transportation to Testing Site

The County of San Mateo is ready to assist residents who qualify for COVID-19 testing but lack transportation to get to the Verily testing site at the San Mateo County Event Center. The County has reconfigured vehicles to protect both the patient and driver from contact.

County residents should first visit <https://www.projectbaseline.com/study/covid-19/> to be screened for testing eligibility and obtain an appointment.

At that time, individuals with no other means to reach the testing site can call 650-779-9375 Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. to arrange transportation.

San Mateo County COVID-19 Cases

San Mateo County Health has updated the number of positive cases to 701 as of April 13, 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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