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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:

Board of Supervisors Issues Resolution Recognizing Community Heroes

Today’s Board of Supervisors meeting opened with recognition of those who have become heroes in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. Board members cited the “death-defying work” in addition to the level of dedication and compassion by many that can never be adequately repaid.

Through its resolution, the Board acknowledged that we often take for granted what can be considered an everyday job. Yet, in light of the pandemic and shelter in place orders, these jobs and those who fill them are indeed our heroes. The resolution listed janitors, grocery store workers, truck drivers and utility workers along with doctors, nurses, EMT’s, hospital workers, medical personnel, police and fire fighters.

See the full resolution at <https://bit.ly/3b9aV35>

SMC Strong Begins Taking Non-Profit Emergency Grant Applications May 6

The San Mateo County Strong Fund seeks to minimize the impact the Shelter in Place Order to curtail the spread of COVID-19 has had on the community. This includes local nonprofit organizations as they work to meet a surge in demand for services.

At 8 a.m. on Wednesday, May 6, the San Mateo County Strong Fund will activate a web portal to accept grant applications from local nonprofits whose organizational activities or everyday operations have been impacted by COVID-19. Applications will not be available prior to 8 a.m. The maximum amount of funding that can be awarded is \$20,000 per

organization and is subject to the availability of funds. Access the San Mateo County Strong Fund Non-Profit Grant application form at <https://www.smcstrong.org/>

Funding can be requested to cover expenses related to the shift organizations have made to continue operations, including purchases of health and hygiene supplies, technology upgrades and purchases, and costs related to necessary operational and staffing changes.

Applications will be accepted until the receipt of 250 applications or on Monday, May 11, 2020 at 5 p.m., whichever comes first.

The County of San Mateo, in partnership with Silicon Valley Community Foundation and San Mateo County Economic Development Association, has created the San Mateo County Strong Fund.

San Mateo County COVID-19 Cases

San Mateo County Health has updated the number of positive cases to 1,315 as of May 4, 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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