



NEWS

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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:

Weekend Outings Require Planning; Beach Parking Lots Remain Closed

Good weather and the desire to celebrate Mother's Day will likely draw many to outdoor settings this weekend. The May 4 Shelter in Place order states that people must not travel more than 10 miles from your residence to recreate.

Wherever you go:

- Keep 6 feet apart
- Don't congregate
- Carry face coverings and wear when not recreating
- Pack out what you pack in -- keep outdoor areas safe and beautiful for all
- Stay home if you don't feel well

San Mateo County beaches remain open to walk-in traffic only for local use. All parking lots are closed, roadside parking is prohibited, and residential street parking discouraged. Fitzgerald Marine Reserve, Tunitas Creek Beach and two state beaches, Bean Hollow and San Gregoria, remain fully closed.

Most of the San Mateo County Parks that have reopened are near residential areas with the hope that more people will walk in rather than drive. To encourage social distancing, the department has established one-way hiking trails in several parks.

Picnic areas, playgrounds, historic sites, and visitor centers remain closed. A list of open parks, parking areas and restrooms, as well as one-way trails, is at <https://bit.ly/3b1xaYq>

The Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District preserves in San Mateo County are open. Visit the district's website for a list of preserves and safety protocols: <https://www.openspace.org/preserves>

For information about state parks and beaches, <https://www.parks.ca.gov/NewsRelease/951>

County Manager's Media Briefing

Due to technical difficulties, today's media briefing on San Mateo County's response to COVID-19 hosted by San Mateo County Manager Mike Callagy is not available. View past briefings and subscribe to the County's YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/user/sanmateocountygov>

San Mateo County COVID-19 Cases

San Mateo County Health has updated the number of positive cases to 1,397 as of May 7, 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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