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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:

Health Officer to Change Shelter in Place Orders; Align with State

San Mateo County Health Officer Dr. Scott Morrow intends to issue a new shelter in place order, effective on May 18, that would bring San Mateo County in line with the early Phase 2 guidelines of California's Resilience Roadmap which allows for some activities and businesses to open up with modifications. See <https://covid19.ca.gov/roadmap/>

Dr. Morrow cautions that while COVID-19 data and other indicators for San Mateo County show some stability, the modifications are not being made because it is safe to be out and about. "The virus continues to circulate in our community, and this increase in interactions among people is likely to spread the virus at a higher rate," says Morrow. The social distancing and face covering directives, along with the prohibition on gathering, will remain in place. Read news release: <https://bit.ly/2T1j0kb>

San Mateo County District Attorney Warns of COVID-19 Scams

The [San Mateo County District Attorney](#) in partnership with the County Health's [Aging & Adult Services](#) produced a video to warn residents about scammers who are actively using the COVID-19 crisis to take advantage of unsuspecting members of the community.

Types of scams the District Attorney's Office is hearing about include fraudulent and nonexistent products and services such as vaccines and cures, house cleaning services, air filters, fake charities, and test kits as well as stimulus check scams. The video

presentation also provides a list of trusted resources and tips for seniors and their families on how to protect themselves from scammers. See the video at https://youtu.be/ymXEip_r9-Y

County Manager's Media Briefing

Today's media briefing on San Mateo County's response to COVID-19 hosted by San Mateo County Manager Mike Callagy can be watched at <https://youtu.be/-OdUNTlzR4g>

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 1,515 as of May 12, 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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