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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:

### **State Awards County \$750K to Protect Homeless During COVID-19**

San Mateo County will receive \$750,000 in funding from the California Department of Social Services to support the local implementation of Project Roomkey, a statewide initiative that provides non-congregate shelter to high risk homeless individuals to help stem the spread of COVID-19.

The County's efforts under Project Roomkey include Bayfront Station, a shelter program for medically at-risk homeless residents utilizing leased hotel rooms at a local hotel where 90 clients are currently sheltered.

"The County of San Mateo is committed to offering and expanding shelter and housing to our homeless residents who want it. We are grateful of this funding from the state to support the mission of Project Roomkey and the County's commitment to protecting the entire community while we are required to shelter in place," said County Manager Mike Callagy. See release <https://bit.ly/2TtGZIW>

### **San Mateo County COVID-19 Cases**

San Mateo County Health has updated the number of positive cases to 1,738 as of May 20, 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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