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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:

### **San Mateo County Parks Offers Tips for a Safe and Enjoyable Holiday**

In anticipation of heavy park visitation this Memorial Day holiday, San Mateo County Parks is sharing advice for a fun and safe outdoor experience.

- Plan your outing – have an alternate outdoor destination if your first choice is crowded.
- Bring water, face covering and hand sanitizer.
- Visit early in the day. Trails are often less crowded, and temperatures are cooler in the morning.
- Share the park. Spend a little less time in the park so others can use the trails, too.
- Be considerate of others. Walk in single file on narrow and one-way trails and put on face coverings when you can't maintain 6 feet apart between you and other park visitors.
- Help us keep parks clean. Use a trash can if available, otherwise pack out what you pack in.

Together, we can keep parks safe and open.

See San Mateo County Park locations at <https://parks.smcgov.org/>

## **Marriage Licenses and Wedding Ceremonies Available Online**

Mark Church, Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder of San Mateo County, announced today that marriage licenses and wedding ceremonies for San Mateo County residents can now be authorized via videoconference in San Mateo County in accordance with Gov. Newsom's Executive Order effective April 30, 2020.

County Clerk staff strategized with the County's Information Services Department to identify the best way to offer this new service. "Doing so was well worth the effort given the need and the public's positive response to online wedding services during the COVID-19 Shelter-in-Place Orders," said Church.

Online marriage license and virtual marriage ceremony appointments are available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., excluding holidays. To schedule, see

See <https://www.smcacre.org/Marriages>

## **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 seen at <https://youtu.be/sHW05r7Op3o>

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 1,783 as of May 21, 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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