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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

Board of Supervisors Extends Eviction Moratorium and Suspends Bag Fees

The Board of Supervisors, at today's meeting, extended the temporary moratoriums on evictions for non-payment of rent by those directly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic for residential tenants countywide and for small business commercial tenants in unincorporated San Mateo County through June 30, 2020.

See residential eviction moratorium resolution <https://bit.ly/2X5lf8A>

Read commercial eviction ordinance <https://bit.ly/2zAANId>

At the same meeting, the Board voted to temporarily suspend the ordinance code enacted in 2012 that prohibited retailers in most San Mateo County cities from providing reusable bags to customers without a charge. The Board's action follows a Health Order that was issued on May 15, 2020 which prohibits customers from bringing bags when shopping as a means to limit the spread of COVID-19.

See bag fee suspension resolution <https://bit.ly/2XzEgPg>

Donation Site for PPE Closes; Charity of Donors' Reflects County Spirit

The County of San Mateo has closed its public donation drop-off station for personal protective equipment (PPE) and thanks the community for generously stepping up to ensure front line and health care workers had sufficient safety gear during the COVID-19 health crisis.

The smaller individual contributions augmented the large-scale donations made by private entities, deliveries from federal and state partners and purchases by the County.

“The outpouring of compassion and charity shown by San Mateo County residents is inspiring and a true testament that we are a county of people who take care of each other,” said Parks Director Nicholas Calderon who managed the drop-off donation site.

Read full release <https://bit.ly/2A63vkd>

Answers to Questions About Oral Health Care; SIP Order in FAQs

San Mateo County strives to align with the State’s Roadmap to Resiliency and is currently in early Phase 2. The County’s current shelter in place order does not restrict the activities of health care providers, including dentists and others providing oral health care. Health care providers that wish to open for procedures other than emergency care should seek guidance from the State and their licensing and regulatory bodies.

The Shelter in Place FAQ answers most questions about the Health Order <https://www.smcgov.org/shelter-place-faqs>

San Mateo County COVID-19 Cases

San Mateo County Health has updated the number of positive cases to 1,904 as of May 25, 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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