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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:

New Health Officer Statement: County’s Variance Application and Predicted Second Wave

The new statement issued today by San Mateo County Health Officer Dr. Scott Morrow outlines how he and County leadership made the decision to apply for a variance from the state’s current Shelter-in-Place order so that the county can achieve full alignment with the state’s reopening timeline.

Given that a second wave of the virus is predicted in August, Dr. Morrow emphasized the importance of following key behaviors, including extensive use of facial coverings. “Doing so will bode well for all of us; we can completely avoid a second wave if everyone does their part,” said Dr. Morrow.

Read the June 15, 2020, Health Officer Statement <https://bit.ly/2Y2TXjq>

Close to \$2 Million SMC Strong Funds Awarded to Nonprofits

The San Mateo County Strong Fund today announced the award of nearly \$2 million to local nonprofit agencies that provide vital safety-net services to tens of thousands of residents hit financially by the COVID-19 pandemic.

“This support enables us to continue to provide life-changing services to some of the most vulnerable members of our community,” said Bruce Ives, CEO of LifeMoves, which operates shelters and provides emergency food and other services to individuals

and families.

The San Mateo County Strong Fund (**SMC Strong**) today said 52 local nonprofit agencies received a total of \$903,000 in Phase II emergency funding, adding to the \$1 million in emergency Phase I grants approved in April.

The San Mateo County Board of Supervisors in March created SMC Strong with \$3 million in seed money -- \$1 million apiece designated for nonprofit groups, small businesses, and individual and family assistance.

See release with list of recipients <https://bit.ly/3e6hJkh>

Additional San Mateo County Parks Open Including Marina's Launch Ramp

Coyote Point Recreation Area and the Coyote Point Marina in San Mateo were added today to the growing list of San Mateo County Parks that have reopened in the last six weeks. In addition to trail access, water sports enthusiasts – wind surfers, kayakers and sports fishermen and women – now have access to the various launch points in the park and at the marina.

In keeping with current health orders, playgrounds and the outdoor fitness areas at all San Mateo County Parks remain closed as do drop-in and reservation picnic areas to discourage social gathering. See all open county parks and services <https://bit.ly/3e6xfMT>

San Mateo County COVID-19 Cases

San Mateo County Health has updated the number of positive cases to 2,594 as of June 14, 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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