



NEWS

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For Immediate Release

Health Order Allowing Long-Term Care Facility Visits; Business Resources; Current COVID-19 Case Count

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 status reports every Tuesday and Thursday until further notice. Today's report:

New Health Order Allows Outdoor & Compassionate Care Visits in Long-Term Care Facilities

San Mateo County Health Officer Dr. Scott Morrow issued a new order on July 16, 2020, allowing limited outdoor visits and necessary indoor visits at long-term care facilities.

The directive enables facilities to allow outdoor visits, according to certain preconditions and with safety measures in place, by family members, friends, and those making legal decisions on behalf of residents of nursing homes and other congregate care facilities.

The order also provides for indoor visitation for compassionate care, for urgent health, legal, or other issues, including end of life.

Facilities that want to allow limited outdoor visits must first certify in writing to County Public Health that they have adequate access to COVID-19 testing and have implemented Public Health's "COVID-19 Mass Testing Strategy," are not experiencing staff shortages, and maintain adequate supplies of PPE and essential cleaning supplies to care for residents.

Facilities must also have recorded no new positive COVID-19 cases among staff or residents for at least two sequential rounds of surveillance testing.

See full text of the order <https://bit.ly/3eD3F19>

COVID-19 Business Information & Resources Available from San Mateo County Health

San Mateo County Health's Environmental Services provides downloadable and printable resources that can help businesses understand and comply with COVID-19 requirements at <https://www.smchealth.org/eh>.

In addition to the documents businesses must complete and post for the public to view, the site offers workplace and industry specific guidelines and FAQs. Most materials are available in English, Spanish, Chinese, and Tagalog.

Register for Race and COVID-19 Town Hall Session Friday, August 7

Listening and learning from community members who have been disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic will be the focus of a second virtual Town Hall Community Input Session hosted by San Mateo County Behavioral Health & Recovery Services and the Office of Diversity & Equity on Friday, Aug. 7, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Learn more and register at <http://ow.ly/ZU8N50AubxY>.

County Manager's Media Briefing on YouTube

The July 15, 2020, media briefing on the County of San Mateo's response to COVID-19 hosted by San Mateo County Manager Mike Callagy can be viewed at <https://youtu.be/Rpxtgd2qTP8>

Subscribe to the County's YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/user/sanmateocountygov>

COVID-19 Testing Available in Three Locations, July 17- 24

San Mateo County's free COVID-19 testing is available without restriction to anyone although appointments are required. To schedule an appointment, visit the Verily/Project Baseline website, San Mateo County's free testing provider, at <https://bit.ly/2xk73OL>. If you don't have access to the Internet, there may be a volunteer on site who can assist you.

The following locations are open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.:

East Palo Alto: July 17, 23 & 24

2160 Euclid Avenue

San Mateo: July 20

San Mateo County Event Center

1346 Saratoga Drive

Daly City: July 21 & 22

Jefferson Union High School District Office

699 Serramonte Boulevard

San Mateo County COVID-19 Cases

San Mateo County Health has updated the number of positive cases to 4,333 as of July 15, 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 or 800-273-6222 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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