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

Health Officer Issues New Message Regarding County on State Monitoring List

San Mateo County Health Officer Dr. Scott Morrow today pointed to San Mateo County’s COVID-19 data points which show stable and declining spread of the virus, stable hospitalization rates and low death rates as reasons why he believes the County should not be on the states COVID-19 monitoring list which forced many indoor businesses to close Aug. 2, 2020. “I feel the state has made the wrong “diagnosis” and therefor is prescribing the wrong “treatment for San Mateo County,” said Dr. Morrow.

You can read Dr. Morrow’s full statement at <https://www.smchealth.org/coronavirus-health-officer-updates>

Board’s Action Addresses COVID-19 Community Needs with Funding

At its Aug. 4, 2020 meeting, the Board of Supervisors approved \$13.3 million in funding for COVID-19 related assistance programs in the areas of food insecurity, education, housing, immigrant relief, and childcare.

- \$200, 000 Grants from the *SMC Strong Funds* for small businesses owners adversely impacted by COVID-19. See report, resolution and presentation: <https://bit.ly/2Ptue4T>

- \$5.3 million COVID-19 San Mateo County Housing Impact Program. Read report: <https://bit.ly/3gAdjU7>
- \$2 million Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funds for SMC Childcare Relief Fund - grants to County childcare centers and family child care homes. See resolution: <https://bit.ly/2C5MFmR>
- \$ 2 million Immigrant Relief Fund. See presentation: <https://bit.ly/2EYUxYy>
- \$2.8 million CARES Act funds - “Public Internet Connectivity Pilot Project” to improve high-speed internet access for disadvantaged students. Read resolution: <https://bit.ly/3fC5Gv1>
- \$1 million CARES Act funds - pilot program for supplemental funding to school districts that participate in universal meal programs. Read resolution: <https://bit.ly/3OxgPJ7>

Great Plates Delivered Program Extended Through September 9

The San Mateo County program that delivers nutritious daily meals to qualified residents from participating restaurants has been extended through Sep. 9.

If you are 65 and older, or age 60-64 at high-risk from COVID-19, are COVID-19 positive or have been exposed to COVID-19, and live alone or with one other eligible adult, you might be eligible (other criteria apply). Call (800) 675-8437 and speak to multi-lingual county staff to apply for meal delivery services.

County Manager’s Media Briefing on YouTube

The Aug. 5, 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

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 5,891 as of Aug. 5, 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.

Approve an amendment to Emergency Regulation 2020-001, a temporary, Countywide moratorium on eviction for non-payment of rent by residential tenants directly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic through August 31, 2020, to extend the time period in which Delayed Payments shall be paid for up to 12 months.

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