



NEWS

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For Immediate Release

Health Officer's Holiday Message; County Parks Reopen; Update on County Response to COVID-19, Testing & 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 and the CZU Lightning Complex fires.

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 Says Vigilance Required this Holiday Weekend

San Mateo County Health Officer Dr. Scott Morrow reminds San Mateo County residents the activities typically associated with holidays require caution and planning with a focus on keeping loved ones safe and continuing to bring down COVID-19 case numbers.

“As we approach the holiday weekend, I can't stress enough the need for social distancing, face coverings, and avoiding gatherings. While Labor Day is usually a time for family events and backyard barbecues, this year COVID-19 requires us all to celebrate differently – by staying in our household groups, avoiding others if we go outside, and wearing a face covering any time we are in public. Our return to normalcy in San Mateo County depends on these measures. We've made progress, but we still have a long way to go. And we've all got to be responsible and safe this weekend. Our comeback depends on all of us.”

San Mateo County Parks Reopen; City and State Holiday Services Vary

Fourteen San Mateo County Parks reopened Sept. 3 after closing Aug. 20 when park rangers were assigned to assist with the CZU Lightning Complex fire.

In keeping with current [San Mateo County Health Orders](#) and state guidelines, park visitors are reminded to carry a face covering and wear it when a distance of six feet can't be maintained. Drop-in picnic tables are for single household use only and group gatherings are not allowed in picnic areas.

See a list of [open San Mateo County Parks](#).

Pescadero Creek, Sam McDonald and Memorial parks are contained in the mandatory evacuation zone of the CZU Lightning Complex fire and remain closed.

The [City of Pacifica](#) will close all beaches and beach parking lots from sunrise Saturday, Sept. 5 to sunrise Tuesday, Sept. 8.

Some California State parks and beaches in San Mateo County remain closed due to area fires. See state park information [here](#).

County Manager's Media Briefing on YouTube

The Sept. 2, 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/_voheNTA5Qo

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

COVID-19 Testing Resources Available

San Mateo County's no-cost COVID-19 testing is available without restriction to anyone and without regard to insurance coverage. It is advisable to schedule an appointment up to 72-hours in advance with Verily/Project Baseline, 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 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

North Fair Oaks: Sept. 4 (New Location)

Stanford Parking Lot
2685 Bay Road

Daly City: Sept. 8 & 9

Jefferson Union High School District Office
699 Serramonte Boulevard

East Palo Alto: Sept. 10 & 11

2160 Euclid Avenue

Stanford Medicine offers testing options for both Stanford patients and the public. First responders and essential workers will be given priority for testing and results delivery, regardless whether the individual is a Stanford patient. Visit [Stanford Medicine's page](#) for more information.

San Mateo County COVID-19 Case Count; County Continues to Review Data

Data may be incomplete: In early August, it was discovered that there was a reporting issue with the State's system that affected all counties. While the State believes this issue was resolved, we continue to validate our data.

San Mateo County Health has updated the number of positive cases to 8,390 as of Sept. 2, 2020.

County Health provides detailed information on the number of COVID-19 cases and deaths within San Mateo County, including by day, age, race/ethnicity and sex of patients.

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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