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Safely Join the Vote Center Team; New Health Officer Statement; Testing Opportunities: 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:

Join the County's Vote Center Team - Safely

You can be a part of the Nov. 3, 2020 Presidential General Election by becoming a vote center volunteer.

The Registration & Elections Division of the Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder's Office is hiring individuals to serve at the 45 vote centers located throughout San Mateo County. Assistance is needed Oct. 31 through election day on Nov. 3.

Vote centers are COVID-19 prepared and all volunteers will be provided personal protective equipment, including gloves, hand sanitizer, face shields and masks.

Learn more about vote center volunteer duties, training, rate of pay and how to apply at: https://www.smcacre.org/volunteer. Contact Roseanne Chavez at 650.655.6297, or rdchavez@smcacre.org, for more information.

Expanded Testing Opportunities Throughout San Mateo County

The County has announced expanded COVID-19 testing opportunities, including additional mobile operations and targeted testing to reduce barriers to access.

Increasing access to testing plays an important role in the County's efforts to slow the spread of COVID-19. Knowing – and limiting – the extent of COVID-19 infections helps inform the public health response and plays a key role in determining what sectors of the economy are permitted to open and at what level of operations. <u>Learn more</u>.

To make an appointment, visit <u>projectbaseline.com/COVID19</u> Registration opens 72 hours before testing dates.

COVID-19 Testing Resources Available Sept.25 - 30

San Mateo County's no-cost COVID-19 testing is available at the San Mateo County Event Center and at a mobile operation visiting sites across the county.

Verily's Baseline COVID-19 Testing Program <u>Project Baseline</u> will offer testing Tuesdays through Saturdays at the San Mateo County Event Center from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Testing is open to anyone without restriction.

Under an agreement with the County, the Baseline COVID-19 program offers testing at sites across the county. Mobile testing is available to anyone who lives or works in the county.

Schedule an appointment at least 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. See testing dates and times for the following locations:

San Mateo: Sept. 25, 26, 29 & 30 (8 a.m. to 3 p.m.) San Mateo County Event Center 1346 Saratoga Drive

North Fair Oaks: Sept. 25 (8 a.m. to 3 p.m.) Stanford Parking Lot 2685 Bay Road

Daly City: Sept. 28 (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.)Jefferson Union High School District Office 699 Serramonte Boulevard

Half Moon Bay: Sept. 29 (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.) Our Lady of the Pillar 565 Kelly Avenue

San Bruno: Sept. 30 (8 a.m. to 3 p.m.)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints 975 Sneath Lane

Additional Testing Opportunities: 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.

County Manager's Media Briefing on YouTube

The Sept. 23, 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/oQ0oSbG_FV8

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

Health Officer Statement: Get a Flu Shot, Stay Vigilant About COVID-19 Dr. Scott Morrow, San Mateo County Health Officer, on Tuesday issued a new statement where he said "it is critically important for everyone age six months and older to get the flu vaccine this year. Flu vaccine is widely available now. Please don't delay in getting your flu shot."

Regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, he said, "This remains far from over. To get out of this situation depends on all of us. Our collective best course of action: No gatherings outside of immediate households, use facial coverings extensively, and social distancing." Read his full statement.

San Mateo County COVID-19 Case Count; County Continues to Review Data San Mateo County Health has updated the number of positive cases to 9,714 as of Sept. 23, 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.