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Update on County Response to COVID-19: Media Briefing, and COVID-19 Testing and 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:

County Manager’s Media Briefing on YouTube

The Oct. 21, 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/Be8xlo6Vr6A>

Future media briefings will occur every two weeks. The next briefing will be Nov. 4.

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

COVID-19 Testing Expands to Include Adults and Children

More than seven months into a global pandemic where fresh facts emerge and circumstances change, it’s a smart to consider if you, family members and friends should be tested for COVID-19. Whether you’re concerned because of your job or your living situation, or you’re afraid you’ve been exposed, or if you’re just worried about COVID-19, testing is a wise choice and is available in San Mateo County.

Testing for Children

The County and its testing partner Curative Inc. are offering no-cost, self-administered oral swab COVID-19 testing for children age 5 and older at the San Mateo County Event Center.

Testing is open by appointment to all families that live in San Mateo County with children ages 5 and older. Appointments for the drive-through testing are available weekdays from 1 to 8 p.m. and can be made [here](#).

Adult Testing

Testing for COVID-19 is available to everyone 18 and older who lives or works in San Mateo County regardless of symptoms or increased risk of exposure. The COVID-19 diagnostic test is safe, easy and at no-cost to you regardless of which testing site you choose.

Information on testing options, including at the San Mateo Event Center and at neighborhood mobile sites in San Mateo County, can be found at <https://www.smcgov.org/testing>.

San Mateo County Event Center Testing

The San Mateo County [Event Center](#) Testing, which has the greatest testing capacity in San Mateo County at 1,000 tests per day, is open from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays. To see testing availability and make an appointment, up to seven days in advance, visit [Project Baseline](#).

Testing for children five and older now in the Curative-operated lane as referenced above. Appointments are available [online](#).

Mobile Testing

Testing at sites served by a mobile operation is available Monday through Friday. See the schedule below for Oct. 23 - 28 and make an appointment up to seven days in advance at [Project Baseline](#).

North Fair Oaks, Oct. 23, 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Stanford Parking Lot
2685 Bay Road

Half Moon Bay, Oct. 26, 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Our Lady of the Pillar
565 Kelly Avenue

San Bruno, Oct. 27 & 28, 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

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

Remember: If you don't have access to the internet, an on-site volunteer may be able to help you register and get tested.

San Mateo County COVID-19 Case Count

San Mateo County Health has updated the number of positive cases to 10,961 as of Oct. 21, 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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