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Update on County Response to COVID-19: Medical First Responder Vaccinations; 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:

Vaccinations Underway for Paramedics, EMTs

San Mateo County Health began vaccinating paramedics and EMTs on Wednesday, Dec. 23, 2020, at the Event Center. About 150 firefighters and 30 AMR ambulance staff received the vaccine. Clinics will continue for several more days to vaccinate all medical first responder personnel in the county. To learn more: <https://youtu.be/yhN-T71-tek>

COVID-19 Testing Available in County for Adults and Children

Safe, easy and no-cost testing is widely available at County-sponsored locations for everyone who works or lives in San Mateo County – regardless of symptoms.

To get a COVID-19 test, San Mateo County residents should first contact their health care provider.

If you cannot get a timely test through your health care provider, select from the testing options listed at <https://www.smcgov.org/testing> for a no-cost (free) COVID-19 test at a County-sponsored location.

Testing for Children and Adults

Testing for children ages 5 to 17 as well as adults is available at the San Mateo County Event Center and at the Jefferson Union High School District office in Daly City. Testing is available at no cost to you, but insurance may be billed. Learn more about testing dates and the process [here](#) and register for an [appointment](#).

Testing for Teens and Adults

Appointments are available Tuesdays through Saturdays, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the San Mateo County Event Center. Beginning Tuesday, Dec. 29, the testing provider at the Event Center will change to OptumServe, which has its own registration process. Availability will show in week-long increments and residents who do not have internet access or need assistance with registration can call 888-634-1123.

- For appointments **through Dec. 26**, register [here](#)
- For appointments **on or after Dec. 29**, register [here](#)

Testing for COVID-19 is also available at mobile operations that rotate among five communities Monday through Friday for everyone 13 and older who lives or works in San Mateo County

See the schedule below for mobile operation locations, Dec. 28 – Dec. 31. , and make an [appointment](#) up to three days in advance.

East Palo Alto, Dec. 31, 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

2160 Euclid Avenue

San Bruno, Dec. 28 & 29, 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

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

South San Francisco, Dec. 30, 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

398 B Street

Remember: If you don't have access to the internet, an on-site volunteer may be able to help you register and get tested. The County **STRONGLY** recommends advance registration as you cannot be guaranteed a test otherwise.

San Mateo County COVID-19 Case Count

San Mateo County Health has updated the number of positive cases to 22,241 as of Dec. 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.

NOTE: There will be no EOC Update issued on Tuesday, Dec. 28 or Thursday, Dec. 31. The update will return on Tuesday, Jan. 5. Have a safe and happy holiday season!

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