



NEWS

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Update on County Response to COVID-19: Vaccine Dashboards, Notifications and FAQs, Volunteer Signups, Case Count and More

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 Thursday until further notice. Today's report:

Local Vaccination Data Dashboards Available

County Health provides [publicly available dashboards](#) on the number of individuals who have received the COVID-19 vaccination as age and demographic data on recipients.

As of Wednesday, Jan. 27, 2021, a total of 53,493 individuals have received a COVID-19 vaccination in San Mateo County. Of those, 10,870 have completed the two-shot vaccination series.

“We appreciate the tremendous public interest in understanding how we are doing in this critical work to achieve the fastest, safe reach possible for those eligible to be vaccinated,” said Louise Rogers, chief of San Mateo County Health.

“Through the work of healthcare provider partners across the county, we have made great progress in reaching healthcare workers and residents and staff of long-term care facilities,” she said.

Vaccination data, COVID-19 case counts, health officer orders and updates and other information is available [at the site](#).

When Are You Eligible for a COVID-19 Vaccination? Get Notified

[Sign up here](#) to receive vaccine-related updates, including notification from San Mateo County Health when you are eligible for the Covid-19 vaccine.

COVID-19 Vaccinations: Frequently Asked Questions

The County has developed answers to frequently asked questions about eligibility, availability, safety and other facts about COVID-19.

The FAQs are available [here](#).

County Health Signing Up Volunteers for Future Needs

Persons interested in volunteering as a medical professional for vaccination-related activities in the County can get more information on this [opportunity here](#).

Health care provider volunteers can register at this site, identify their skills and upload relevant certificates and licenses for verification.

Once verified, potential volunteers will be contacted via email from SMC_HealthVolunteers@smcgov.org. Please be patient – we'll contact volunteers as needs arise.

Relief Program for Struggling Food and Beverage Industry

The Board of Supervisors on Tuesday matched a \$1 million commitment from the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative to help local brick-and-mortar food and beverage businesses hit by the pandemic.

The matching grants bring the total pledged to more than \$2.3 million to the new [Restaurant, Brewery and Winery Relief Program](#). The applications period for grants of up to \$10,000 will open as soon as mid-February. Businesses must meet a variety of eligibility requirements that include a “brick and mortar” location in San Mateo County. [Learn more](#).

COVID-19 Business Violation Complaint Counts

The COVID-19 Business Engagement and Compliance Program has received 1,266 complaints as of Wednesday, Jan. 27, 2021. Of those, 86 percent have been abated – meaning the violation was either not found or was corrected on the spot.

The compliance team has issued 122 warning notices to businesses and 28 citations to repeat offenders.

The most common complaints are businesses not requiring employees or customers to wear face coverings, not taking steps to ensure social distancing, apparently operating at a higher-than-permitted capacity and operating indoors in violation of health orders.

Residents can report alleged business violations, and businesses can appeal at <https://cmo.smcgov.org/health-order-violation-reporting-appeals-businesses>

Rain Washes Out Scheduled COVID-19 Testing Dates

Persistent rain has washed out local COVID-19 testing sites this week.

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. [Visit our testing portal](#) to learn about local options.

Our testing providers should contact you if rain washes out your appointment.

State Lifts Regional Stay at Home Order: Travel Advisory Still in Effect

Outdoor dining and certain indoor business operations are allowed following the state's action Monday, Jan. 25, 2021, to lift the [Regional Stay At Home Order](#).

The state's Travel Advisory – which urges all Californians to avoid non-essential travel more than 120 miles from home – remains in effect. Under the advisory, all people arriving in or returning to California from other states or countries should [self-quarantine](#) for 10 days after arrival (with limited exceptions).

The state “strongly discourages” non-essential travelers from other states or countries from entering California. If they do, they should follow the state's [quarantine](#) requirements. Read our [Frequently Asked Questions](#) for more on travel.

San Mateo County remains in purple Tier 1 on the state's [four-tier, color-coded system](#) for loosening and tightening restrictions. Purple Tier 1 is the most restrictive with the virus considered “widespread” in the community.

The County follows all applicable California COVID-19 restrictions and guidelines and is fully aligned with the state's [Blueprint for a Safer Economy](#).

San Mateo County COVID-19 Case Count

As of Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2021, San Mateo County Health has recorded 34,958 confirmed COVID-19 cases and 356 deaths since the pandemic began.

County Health provides detailed information on cases, vaccinations and other data 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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