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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 daily status reports Monday through Friday until further notice. Today’s report:

COVID-19 San Mateo County Eviction Frequently Asked Questions Available

On March 24, 2020, the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors adopted an emergency regulation that places a temporary Countywide moratorium on evictions from residential units for non-payment of rent by tenants directly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and certain other no-fault causes.

The Department of Housing has published Frequently Asked Questions about the moratorium useful for both landlords and tenants. Learn more and find answers by visiting this website: <https://housing.smcgov.org/covid-19-smc-eviction-regulations>

Media Tour of Federal Medical Station at San Mateo County Event Center

The County’s Joint Information Center today provided a media tour of the Federal Medical Station set up at the San Mateo County Event Center to provide low-acuity care for patients needing to rotate out of hospitals.

The Federal Medical Station won’t be used unless it’s necessary to “decompress” the patient load at area hospitals, whose resources may need to be devoted to caring for COVID-19 patients.

The tour was limited to select representatives from broadcast and print media to maintain social distancing. The County thanks members of the media for participating and sharing the news they gathered in a “pool” arrangement with other outlets.

You can find photos from the tour and follow us at <https://twitter.com/sanmateoco>

Read a fact sheet about the Federal Medical Station at <https://cmo.smcgov.org/fact-sheet-federal-medical-station-san-mateo-county-event-center>

San Mateo County COVID-19 Cases

San Mateo County Health has updated the number of positive cases to 388 as of today.

County Health provides detailed information on cases by age group and date and deaths by age group. Detailed information about the number of hospital beds in the county, the population age 65 and above and the at-risk population can be found at <https://www.smchealth.org/coronavirus>

How Will COVID-19 Impact the Census?

Today is Census Day in the United States, a day when all residents are asked to fill out a form listing where they live on that day, the number of people in their household and other basic information.

The County and partners conducted a virtual town hall to encourage residents to fill out the Census online or by mail, raise awareness and discuss the impacts of COVID-19.

You can view a recording of the townhall on our Facebook page at <https://bit.ly/2R34OGh>

The Census, conducted every 10 years, helps determine how billions of dollars in federal funds are distributed for health care, road repair, early learning programs and other services. The nonpartisan Census Bureau conducts the count and is required by law to turn in state population counts to the president by Dec. 31.

Learn more at <https://cmo.smcgov.org/census-2020-san-mateo-county>

Call Center

Residents with non-medical, non-emergency questions about the coronavirus can call 211 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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