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**For Immediate Release**

## **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

### **Revised Health Order Allows Places of Worship, In-Store Retail to Operate with Restrictions**

Seeking further alignment with Gov. Gavin Newsom's Resilience Roadmap, San Mateo County Health Officer Dr. Scott Morrow today issued a revised shelter in place order to allow, with restrictions and safety measures, places of worship to hold services and retail stores to allow customers inside. The order takes effect on June 1, 2020.

The order also removes the previous limitations on access and activities at beaches in San Mateo County allowing normal operations as long as beachgoers adhere to social distancing and face covering guidelines.

For childcare establishments, summer camps, and other educational or recreational institutions or programs providing care or supervision for children, the stable group time requirement has been decreased from four weeks to three consecutive weeks.

This gradual and measured resumption of activity is designed to manage the overall volume, duration, and intensity of person-to-person contact to prevent a surge in COVID-19 cases in San Mateo County and neighboring counties.

See revised shelter-in-place news release <https://bit.ly/2Xg6JLd>

**County of San Mateo Releases 2020-21 Recommended Budget**  
County Manager Mike Callagy expects the [Fiscal Year 2020-21 Recommended Budget](#)

released today will undergo substantial changes once the full health and economic impacts of the response to the coronavirus pandemic are known. The initial budget deficit projection is approximately \$65 million to \$100 million in lost taxes and realignment revenues.

Departments most impacted by these losses include those that provide direct safety-net services needed now: Department of Housing, Human Services Agency, County Health and Public Safety, among others. At the same time, demand for these services and other safety-net aid is expected to increase costs.

“While this crisis will necessitate significant budget changes as the impacts become clearer, the County of San Mateo’s commitment to our essential priorities — public health, public safety and safety net services — will remain,” Callagy said.

Read full news release <https://bit.ly/2B9uNqk>

### **County Manager’s Media Briefing on YouTube**

Today’s media briefing on San Mateo County’s response to COVID-19 hosted by San Mateo County Manager Mike Callagy can be seen at [https://youtu.be/WC5l9\\_UUf5k](https://youtu.be/WC5l9_UUf5k)

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at <https://www.youtube.com/user/sanmateocountygov>

### **San Mateo County COVID-19 Cases**

San Mateo County Health has updated the number of positive cases to 2,061 as of May 28, 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 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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