



NEWS

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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:

Health Officer's New Statement: "Public and open businesses need to fully do their part to minimize transmission"

A new statement issued today by San Mateo County Health Officer Dr. Scott Morrow cautions that while the public health restrictions that helped San Mateo County avoid the dramatic impacts of COVID-19 seen in other parts of the country are eased, more community responsibility is required to prevent uncontrolled spread of the virus.

The new Health Order which took effect June 1, 2020 attempts to strike a balance of slowly increasing immunity of the population while minimizing death and overwhelming our health system.

Dr. Morrow is clear that the risk of COVID-19 is still high. "If you have any worry at all about the virus and its effect on you, your family, friends, colleagues, neighbors, or others, you should know, it is not completely safe to be out, it is even less safe to attend gatherings of any size. If you are at risk from serious complications of the virus, you should continue to take all measures to ensure your safety," he wrote.

Read Dr. Morrow's June 1, 2020 statement and new Health Order at <https://www.smchealth.org/health-officer-statements-and-orders>

Stay Connected with San Mateo County Libraries

Even though San Mateo County Libraries' 11 locations remain closed, you can access many services, including participating in online events, getting a library card, receiving answers to a library question, and beginning June 6, using a new curbside book pick-up service.

Customer service is available at 833-937-7625 Monday and Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For online services, including requesting a library card, reserving books, and learning more about the curbside pickup service, see <https://smcl.org/>

San Mateo County COVID-19 Cases

San Mateo County Health has updated the number of positive cases to 2,165 as of May 31, 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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