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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:

Updated Health Order to be Issued this Week, State Grants Variance

The state has granted San Mateo County its request for a variance, which will allow Health Officer Dr. Scott Morrow to issue a new order addressing additional businesses and activities.

Until the new order takes effect, San Mateo County remains in early Stage 2 of the Resilience Roadmap and bound by the current health order.

The new order is expected to be issued this week, which will make clear what business may open and what guidelines they must follow.

“This is great news for so many of the thousands of small businesses that are truly the backbone of our local economy, especially in East Palo Alto and North Fair Oaks,” said Board President Warren Slocum, whose District 4 includes both communities.

“People want to get back to work. That said, it’s up to all of us to continue to wear face coverings and to maintain social distancing so we can continue to reopen both the economy and our social lives in a safe manner.”

Read more about San Mateo County’s Steps to Ease SIP Restrictions

<https://bit.ly/2UNnoDZ>

Learn about state’s Resilience Roadmap <https://covid19.ca.gov/roadmap/> and County Variance Process <https://bit.ly/3fqQGQI>

District Attorney Warns of COVID-19 Contact Tracing Scams

San Mateo County District Attorney Stephen M. Wagstaffe today advised San Mateo County residents to be alert for COVID-19 contact tracing scams.

Contact tracing is an important tool that helps San Mateo County Public Health staff identify people who may have been in contact with a COVID-19 infected individual. A legitimate call will likely show the caller ID “California COVID Team.”

Residents should cooperate with legitimate contact tracers but be wary of scammers impersonating contact tracers. Scam artists pretend to be contact tracers to trick consumers into divulging their private personal information such as Social Security numbers, or financial or health insurance information.

Report COVID-19 related scams in San Mateo County to the District Attorney’s Office at (650) 363-4651 or contact your local police department.

Watch a short video on the County’s YouTube channel: <https://youtu.be/aIyBNqteGZ4>

See full news release: <https://da.smcgov.org/covid-19-contact-tracing-scams>

San Mateo County COVID-19 Cases

San Mateo County Health has updated the number of positive cases to 2,625 as of June 15, 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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