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Update on County Response to COVID-19: Small Property Owner Program Requirements, Immigrant Facebook Live Series; and COVID-19 Testing and Case Count

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 Tuesday and Thursday until further notice. Today's report:

Small Property Owner Grant Requirements Revised, Application Period Closes Nov. 25

The San Mateo County Small Property Owner Assistance program established to assist residential property owners impacted by COVID-19 has reduced some application requirements and extended the application deadline to Wednesday, Nov. 25.

While income and rental price remain priorities for grant making decisions, the following requirements have been eliminated:

- earn over 50% of income from rental properties
- income cap
- eligible units rented at or below fair market rates

See all program details and apply at <u>www.smcstrong.org</u>; inquiries can be made at <u>PropertyOwnerGrants@smcgov.org</u>

Immigrant Services' Facebook Live Provider Spotlight Series Today at 5 p.m.

San Mateo County's <u>Immigrant Services</u> monthly Facebook Live series with providers of pandemic program and services begins today at 5 p.m. with a focus on mental health and well-being.

Whether you're feeling increased anxiety related to the pandemic or the need for assistance for other mental and substance use challenges, providers at <u>StarVista</u>, <u>One Life</u>, and San Mateo County's <u>Behavioral Health & Recovery Services</u> have information that can help, including what services they provide and some ways to cope.

Go to https://www.facebook.com/CountyofSanMateo to watch the event Live on Nov. 12 at 5 p.m.

COVID-19 Testing Available for Adults and Children

Testing for COVID-19 is available in San Mateo County and is a wise choice whether you're concerned because of your job or your living situation, or you're afraid you've been exposed, or if you're just worried about COVID-19.

The COVID-19 diagnostic test is safe, easy, and available at various locations in San Mateo County at no-cost to you regardless of which testing site you choose. Adults age 18 and over can schedule a test Tuesdays through Saturdays at the <u>San Mateo County Event Center</u> or at a rotating series of neighborhood locations. Days and times are listed below.

Testing is now available for children ages 5 to 17. Learn more and register here

Adult Testing at Neighborhood Locations

Testing for COVID-19 is also available at mobile operations that rotate among five communities Monday through Friday for everyone 18 and older who lives or works in San Mateo County.

See the schedule below for Nov. 13 - 18 and make an appointment at least seven days in advance at <u>Project Baseline</u>.

East Palo Alto, 8 a.m. – 3 p.m., Nov. 13 2160 Euclid Avenue

San Bruno, 8 a.m. – 3 p.m., Nov. 16 & 17 The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints 975 Sneath Lane

Half Moon Bay, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Nov. 18

Our Lady of the Pillar 565 Kelly Avenue

Remember: If you don't have access to the internet, an on-site volunteer may be able to help you register and get tested.

Information on testing options, including at the San Mateo Event Center and at neighborhood mobile sites in San Mateo County, can be found at https://www.smcgov.org/testing.

San Mateo County COVID-19 Case Count

San Mateo County Health has updated the number of positive cases to 12,127 as of Nov. 10, 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 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.