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## **Vaccine Clinics Open; Testing Remains Vital and Widely Available; Vaccine Doses Top 760,000: 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 status reports every Thursday until further notice. Today's report:

### **Vaccine Clinics Open to All Who Live or Work in San Mateo County**

Twice-weekly clinics at the San Mateo County Event Center are open to everyone who lives or work in San Mateo County. The Event Center has the capacity to administer approximately 3,000 doses in a day.

Appointments for the Event Center, accessed via [MyTurn](#), are available four days before the date of the event — but appointments are not required. Moderna clinics are open to residents 18 and over. Pfizer clinics are open residents 16 and over. Minors must be accompanied by a parent or guardian or bring a signed copy of the [vaccination consent form](#).

Community Clinics – in Daly City, East Palo Alto, El Granada, Half Moon Bay, North Fair Oaks, and San Mateo – are also available without an appointment. MyTurn displays County-operated and -supported clinics, along with vaccination opportunities from other health care providers, pharmacies, and local organizations.

You can sign up and search for specific vaccine clinics online at [MyTurn](#) or by calling (833) 422-4255 (Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-8 p.m., Saturday-Sunday 8 a.m.-5 p.m.) for assistance.

San Mateo County Health strongly urges to everyone to get vaccinated immediately wherever the vaccine is available to you.

### **Vaccine for Homebound Residents**

County Health is providing in-home COVID-19 vaccinations to residents unable to leave home due to age, disability, or medical reason.

Please contact County partner HR Support at (855) 330-3763 or (510) 363-0051 to see if you or a loved one qualify for homebound vaccination.

Kaiser Permanente and Sutter Health offer in-home vaccination services to their homebound patients. Contact them directly to learn more.

Homebound resident may also contact [MyTurn](#) online or by calling (833) 422-4255 (Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-8 p.m., Saturday-Sunday 8 a.m.-5 p.m.) for assistance.

### **COVID-19 Testing and Contact Tracing**

Testing remains important so public health officials can track the disease and so those who test positive can receive early care. Testing for COVID-19 is available for everyone who lives or works in San Mateo County regardless of symptoms.

San Mateo County has recently increased testing capacity by almost 5,000 tests per week. New appointments and testing locations are now available.

Learn more and make an appointment at <https://www.smcgov.org/testing>

### **For Older Residents, Fresh Home-Delivered Meals Fuel the Body and Spirit**

This Sunday, May 9, marks one year since the first older San Mateo County residents at high risk for COVID-19 received meals delivered to their home through the Great Plates Delivered program. The scale of the service is captured in the numbers:

- ▶ More than 2,300,000 meals delivered
- ▶ 81 local participating restaurants and caterers
- ▶ \$52 million generated in local economic activity

The most important number of all: 4,500 older adults served.

Learn more at <https://www.smcgov.org/press-release/older-residents-fresh-home-delivered-meals-fuel-body-and-spirit-during-pandemic>

### **First Wave of Relief Checks for Food and Beverage Service Industry**

Some of the businesses hit hardest by the pandemic – small restaurants, breweries and wineries – are now receiving \$10,000 grants thanks to a coordinated effort to keep local residents employed and the economy vibrant in San Mateo County.

The \$10,000 grants are being awarded through the Restaurant, Brewery and Winery Relief Program, an ambitious effort from the San Mateo County Strong Fund. Learn more at <https://www.smcgov.org/press-release/first-wave-relief-checks-struggling-food-and-beverage-service-industry>

### **Vaccine Doses Administered Tops 760,000**

A total of 474,932 individuals have received at least one COVID-19 vaccine shot in San Mateo County as of Tuesday, May 4, 2021. This represents 73.9 percent of county residents age 16 and older.

Of the total, 320,968 individuals have completed the vaccination series, bringing the total number of doses administered to 766,426.

### **COVID-19 Case Counts**

County Health reports a total of 41,690 total cases of COVID-19 as of Wednesday, April 28, 2021. Deaths attributed to COVID-19 stand at 567.

Additional information, such as cases by age group, cases by race/ethnicity and deaths by age, is available at <https://www.smchealth.org/data-dashboard/county-data-dashboard>

### **New Park Closing Hours**

Closing times at County Parks have been extended to 8 p.m. Most County parks, regional trails and playgrounds are open. Learn more at <https://parks.smcgov.org/>

### **San Mateo County Libraries Frequently Asked Questions**

Most San Mateo County Libraries locations are offering a combination of in-library express service and a continuation of curbside services, which include hold appointment pickups and walk-up service.

For locations, hours and frequently asked questions, go to [https://smcl.org/faq/express-service/#faq\\_2806968](https://smcl.org/faq/express-service/#faq_2806968)

**211 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.

You can also text your zip code to 898-211. The system will ask for your age and gender in order to understand your eligibility and needs. You can then ask a question and receive a text response from a 211 operator.

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