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## **Update on County Response to COVID-19**

**Redwood City, Calif.** – 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:

### **County Lauds Peninsula Health Care District for \$3M Donation**

San Mateo County supervisors today thanked the generous residents and organizations donating to the local COVID-19 response and highlighted Peninsula Health Care District committing up to \$3 million to fund protective equipment and other critical needs.

The Peninsula Health Care District Board's \$3 million commitment will go toward the overall COVID-19 response and to purchase vital needs not covered by federal relief or other funds. Details are being finalized. Read more at <https://bit.ly/39jUYG4>

### **San Mateo County Parks, Coastside Cities Announce Steps to Reduce Crowds**

In a unified effort to reduce crowds at local beaches and parks and help prevent the spread of COVID-19, San Mateo County Parks with California State Parks and the cities of Pacifica and Half Moon Bay are modifying operations, taking additional safety measures, and closing vehicular traffic at some locations to reduce the density of visitors.

"We need the public's help to keep our parks safe" said San Mateo County Parks Director Nicholas Calderon. Consistent with Health Officer's order, Calderon asks people to use their local parks and trails and avoid driving to other neighborhoods, even if that means forgoing your favorite park. Read more at <https://bit.ly/2UgylOC>

**San Mateo County COVID-19 Cases**

San Mateo County Health has updated the number of positive cases to 165 as of today. Updates can be found at <https://www.smchealth.org/coronavirus>

**Call Center Update**

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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