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# PRESS RELEASE

**December 16, 2020**

## **San Mateo County Announces Regional Stay-At-Home Order Due to COVID-19 Surge**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Pacifica, CA) – San Mateo County, in addition to ten other Bay Area counties, have been placed under a mandatory Regional Stay At Home Order effective Thursday, December 17, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. The state of California announced the order today in response to a surge in COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations that resulted in regional ICU bed capacity falling below the 15 percent trigger threshold. The Order mandates the closure of many businesses and activities. The rules will remain in effect for three weeks.

Outdoor recreation is allowed for the purpose of facilitating physically distanced personal health and wellness.

The Stay-At-Home Order mandates the following restrictions:

- Private gatherings of any size prohibited (with the exception of outdoor church services and political demonstration)
- Closure of many businesses and activities, including:
  - Hair salons and barber shops
  - Museums, zoos, aquariums, amusement parks
  - Movie Theaters (except drive-in)
  - Bars, breweries, wineries, distilleries (except for production, manufacturing, distribution and retail sale for off-site consumption)
- Retail and shopping centers may remain open at 20 percent capacity (35 percent for stand-alone grocery stores)
- Restaurants can only offer take-out and delivery
- Non-essential travel prohibited
- Use of hotels and short-term rentals for leisure prohibited
- Offices – allowed remote work only, except for critical infrastructure sectors

The following sectors are allowed to remain open with safety precautions:

- Critical infrastructure when remote work is not possible
- Schools that have already opened for in-person classes under a plan reviewed by San Mateo County Health and San Mateo County Office of Education
- Non-urgent medical and dental care
- Child care and pre-K

For further information by industry sector, visit the state's Industry Guidance website at <https://covid19.ca.gov/industry-guidance/>.

San Mateo County residents can call 2-1-1 with non-medical, non-emergency questions about the coronavirus and local community resources, any time, day or night.

### **City of Pacifica Facilities and Services Impacted**

City of Pacifica City Hall and most City Offices remain closed for in-person services to the general public, as operations are modified with some staff working remotely. City services are offered virtually and remotely to the greatest extent feasible under the current State and County Orders. For more information about specific City facility and/or service modifications, visit the City of Pacifica Coronavirus webpage at: <https://www.cityofpacifica.org/Coronavirus>

It is important to wear face coverings, maintain at least 6-foot physical distancing between yourself and others, limit physical contact and gathering to those in your own household, follow CDC guidelines if experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 and isolate from others to prevent transmission. If engaging in retail activity, shop local and help support local small businesses which are being significantly impacted by this pandemic and the associated restrictions.

### **Links to Additional Information:**

San Mateo County Press Release: <https://bit.ly/2WnuDmI>

City of Pacifica Coronavirus webpage: <https://www.cityofpacifica.org/Coronavirus>

San Mateo County Health Data Dashboard / Health Officer Updates: <https://www.smchealth.org/coronavirus>

Local COVID-19 testing options: <https://www.smcgov.org/testing>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/>

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