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*** Media Advisory ***
Coronavirus (COVID-19) Daily Update
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The seven Bay Area Public Health Officers who ordered a shelter in place in mid-March will extend the orders through May 31 while some restrictions are eased and tools to strengthen containment of COVID-19 are put into place. These new Health Officer orders are an extension of the previous health orders that expired on May 3, and took effect May 4 at 12:00 a.m. Link to the order here.

Updated Frequently Asked Questions: https://sf.gov/stay-home-except-essential-needs

The San Francisco COVID-19 Data Tracker (https://datasf.org/covid19) includes confirmed cases, available demographic information, hospitalizations, deaths and testing results in San Francisco. Updates will be made daily.

GENERAL UPDATES
(Announcements are linked)

5/18 Mayor London Breed Announces Launch of "Great Plates" Meal Delivery Program for At-Risk Seniors in Need of Food Assistance

5/18 Mayor London Breed Announces New COVID-19 Testing Sites in Underserved Areas

Give2SF:
The Give2SF COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund (Give2SF) is a special fund established by the City and County of San Francisco. The latest biweekly update, released May 15, 2020, summarizes both monetary and in-kind donations for Give2SF, and the uses of the donations. Link to the update here.
San Francisco Health Orders Issued:
All City and County of San Francisco Public Health Orders related to the COVID-19 response can be found here.

Mayoral Declarations Issued:
All Mayoral Declarations and Supplemental Declarations related to the COVID-19 response can be found here.

Commercial COVID-19 Lab Testing:
On May 4, the Mayor announced that all essential workers in San Francisco are eligible for free tests – regardless of symptoms or exposure – at CityTestSF. This means that any person going to work during the Stay-Home Order can get tested. For these workers, they can decide when they want to test, but it is important for them to test immediately when they feel ill, have symptoms consistent with COVID-19, or if they believe they have been exposed. No doctor’s note will be required, and the test is free.

The City has continually expanded testing, based on where the need is greatest, and the availability of resources. On May 1, the City announced universal testing will be provided for all residents and workers at all skilled nursing facilities. On April 22, the City expanded testing access to every essential worker who has symptoms of COVID-19. This expansion applies to public and private sector workers, and to any San Francisco essential worker with symptoms who does not have other access to testing. In addition, any person with any symptom of COVID-19 can get tested, as can people who don’t have symptoms but have had close contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case.

There are currently 32 sites collecting samples for COVID-19 testing throughout the city, including CityTestSF, UCSF, NEMS, One Medical, Kaiser, Sutter, Chinese Hospital and Dignity Health. Anyone who wants testing should start with their own health care provider. We are recommending that all private providers make universal testing available to essential workers. This will be the best way for people to stay connected to care. DPH community testing sites at ZSFG, Castro-Mission Health Center, Southeast Health Center and Maxine Hall Health Center. Appointments for tests are still necessary at these sites, in order to ensure social distancing and reduce lines. Call 311 or visit SF.gov/GetTestedSF for more information.

Testing science and technology is rapidly evolving and will continue to inform our response and testing strategy. The City’s vision is for all San Franciscans to have universal access to testing. A webinar providing more information about the City’s testing expansion, technologies and strategy can be found here.

Vulnerable Populations
The City is opening Shelter-in-Place (SIP) hotels for people experiencing homelessness to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and the protect the health of our most vulnerable homeless residents. Additionally, the City has opened Isolation and Quarantine Hotels for people experiencing homelessness, or who live in settings where they cannot safely quarantine in their home, who are awaiting test results or are COVID positive and need to isolate.
The City has opened two congregate facilities, Moscone West and MSC South, as post-COVID-19 shelter sites. Post-COVID sites are shelter for people experiencing homelessness who have been tested, diagnosed with COVID-19, received medical care, recovered, and completed quarantine. For more information on the City’s COVID-19 alternative housing programs: 
https://data.sfgov.org/stories/s/4nah-suat

On May 13, the City, in partnership with United Council of Human Services, opened a Shelter-in-Place RV Village to provide shelter people experiencing homelessness in the Bayview. This 120 RV/Trailer facility will provide critical shelter-in-place resources, including shelter, hygiene facilities, meals, and social and health services.

City services for people experiencing homelessness: https://sf.gov/information/covid-19-and-people-experiencing-homelessness

**San Francisco County Jail**
A sixth person tested positive for COVID-19 and was isolated in the jail before being released on May 20. A person in custody who previously tested positive is now negative and recovered. Four previously identified COVID-positive people were released. [Link to the press release here.]

**Older Adults**
Precautions and activities for anyone over 60 during the COVID-19 outbreak, visit: https://sf.gov/stay-healthy-older-adults

Department of Disability and Aging Services helpline is now open seven days a week to older adults and adults with disabilities to provide with everyday tasks as well as connect people with volunteers who can help. Call 415-355-6700 or [http://sfhsa.org/covid-das](http://sfhsa.org/covid-das)

**Workplace and Businesses**
Workers and Families First will fund five extra days of sick leave during the COVID-19 outbreak. [Link here.]


Resources for businesses and employees impacted by COVID-19, visit: [https://oewd.org/covid19](https://oewd.org/covid19)

**Schools**
For school updates visit:
San Francisco Unified School District ([Link to SFUSD Information](Link to SFUSD Information))
Archdiocese of San Francisco ([Link to Archdiocese Information](Link to Archdiocese Information))

**City Facilities**
Most departments in City Hall have completely ceased in-person operations and many are providing online services or telecommuting to support the City. Find out which City services are open during the COVID-19 outbreak [here](here).
The San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department continues to provide an emergency care program to provide childcare for additional essential employees. Link to the announcement here.

**Additional Resources and Services**
City services for people impacted by COVID-19, visit: [https://sf.gov/topics/coronavirus-covid-19](https://sf.gov/topics/coronavirus-covid-19)

Rental assistance, legal help, and other resources for LGBTQ+ youth and community: [https://sf.gov/information/get-lgbtq-community-services-during-coronavirus-outbreak](https://sf.gov/information/get-lgbtq-community-services-during-coronavirus-outbreak)

**Transit and Traffic Updates**
BART, Muni, and regional transit, including ferry service are all operating on reduced schedules. They should be used for essential travel only. 511 has a complete list of transit service updates for the Bay Area. Link to 511 updates here.

SFMTA announced the Essential Trip Card (ETC), a discount program to help seniors and people with disabilities make essential trips in taxis during this crisis. The ETC will subsidize about two to three round trips by taxi per month for older adults (persons 65 and older) and people with disabilities. Link to the announcement here.

**Stay Informed:**
For the latest news on COVID-19, visit [sf.gov](https://sf.gov) and sign up for the City’s alert service for official updates: text COVID19SF to 888-777.

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