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*** Media Advisory ***
Coronavirus (COVID-19) Daily Update
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Six Bay Area Public Health Officers who first ordered a shelter in place in mid-March issued an updated order on May 18 that allows most retailers to offer curbside pickup, and continues and expands upon the reopening of outdoor activities and jobs, with proper precautions that was part of a prior May 4th order. Link to the order.

Yesterday, the California Department of Public Health announced a new statewide guidance to allow reopening of places of worship and in-store retail shopping, with safety modifications required to limit the spread of COVID-19. San Francisco’s current Stay-Home Health Order remains in effect. It does not allow houses of worship to host religious gatherings or in-store retail at this time. The City continues to develop the most responsible plan moving forward while guided by data and health indicators.

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)

5/26: Mayor London Breed Announces Shared Spaces Program to Support Neighborhood Activity and Local Businesses

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 18, the Mayor announced new test sites to support testing of all essential workers in San Francisco. All essential workers 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 to 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 shelters 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 for 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.

San Francisco is also piloting Safe Sleeping Villages as a short-term, temporary method of establishing minimum health and safety standards for people experiencing homelessness in settings where services such as food, water, sanitation and healthcare can be provided. Each village is meant to serve an area with an existing established encampment, with a target of creating between 40 to 60 spaces. The first village was established on Fulton Street between Larkin and Hyde streets on May 13 and another site on Stanyan Street near Haight Street is projected to open on May 29. A third proposed site on Church near 16th Street is also being explored for a potential opening the second week of June. Each site will be run by local service providers, with assistance from City agencies for health services, and in collaboration with the SFPD.

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

San Francisco County Jail
The most recent Sheriff’s Office announcement is 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 them with everyday tasks as well as connect people with volunteers who can help. Call 415-355-6700 or 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

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

**City Facilities**
Departments in City Hall are preparing to gradually restore operations. Find out which City services are open during the COVID-19 outbreak 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

Rental assistance, legal help, and other resources for LGBTQ+ youth and community: 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.

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

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