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***** Media Advisory *****
Coronavirus (COVID-19) Daily Update
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The City and County of San Francisco has issued a Public Health Order requiring that residents stay home, with the only exception being for essential needs, which has been extended through May 3, 2020 in order to slow the spread of coronavirus and preserve critical hospital capacity. The new stay-at-home order supersedes the previous order and went into effect at 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, March 31. It is a complement to the indefinite statewide stay-at-home order issued by Governor Gavin Newsom earlier this month. [Link to the order here.](#)

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

The most important thing that people can do is to follow the Public Health Order to stay home except for essential needs, practice social distancing, wash hands frequently and look out for one another.

The new San Francisco COVID-19 Data Tracker includes confirmed cases, available demographic information, hospitalizations, deaths and testing results in San Francisco, available on the Department of Public Health (DPH) [website](#). Updates will be made daily.

Link to the 4/13 press conference with Mayor London Breed and City officials related to COVID-19 can be found [here](#).

GENERAL UPDATES

4/15: San Francisco Launches Innovative Contact Tracing Program to Strengthen Coronavirus Response [Link to the announcement here.](#)

4/13: Mayor London Breed Announces Food Access Initiative in Response to COVID-19 Pandemic [Link to the announcement here.](#)

4/13: SFUSD Begins Teacher-Led Interactive Distance Learning [Link to the announcement here.](#)

4/10: Mayor London Breed Announces Delivery Fee Cap to Support San Francisco Restaurants During COVID-19 Pandemic [Link to the announcement here.](#)

4/10: City Establishes Critical Lifeline for People in Situations Where it is Not Possible to Call 9-1-1 [Link to the announcement here.](#)

4/9: San Francisco Extends Emergency Child and Youth Care Until End of School Year [Link to the announcement here.](#)

4/9: Mayor Breed and District Attorney Boudin Announce Temporary Housing for Survivors of Domestic Violence [Link to the announcement here.](#)

Laguna Honda Hospital (LHH):

As of April 15, Laguna Honda Hospital currently has 18 confirmed cases of COVID-19, the disease caused by the coronavirus. Fourteen of the confirmed cases are staff and four are residents. Of staff, 11 have been in patient-care positions and three have not. We expect more cases of COVID-19 in the Laguna Honda community, among staff and residents, because the virus is now spreading throughout the Bay Area.

The City requested help with the Laguna Honda outbreak from the California Department of Public Health Department (CDPH) and the CDC, and those agencies have sent experts to work on site including infection control nurses (CDPH), infectious disease physicians (CDC) and epidemiologists (CDC). These experts have insights from around the country and across the world to help us do better in our response.

To ensure the safety of residents and staff, a Public Health Order was issued placing Laguna Honda Hospital under protective quarantine. [Link to the announcement here.](#) [Link to the order 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:

Commercial and clinical laboratory COVID-19 testing options are currently available to the public upon clinician referral. All COVID-19 test results must be reported to the State and local health authorities. The City and the SFDPH Public Health Laboratory continue to prioritize limited COVID-19 testing resources for hospitalized patients; vulnerable, at-risk populations;

and front line first responders and health care workers providing essential services during the COVID-19 pandemic.

More information about COVID-19 testing and the SFPD Public Health Laboratory [here](#).

Vulnerable Populations

People Experiencing Homelessness:

The City continues implementing plans to reduce COVID-19 exposure risk and address any positive cases in all congregate settings.

On April 5, 2020, two guests at MSC South shelter were confirmed as COVID-19 positive. DPH immediately began conducting contact investigations and testing all MSC South shelter guests and staff while HSH began moving guests out.

As of April 15, 92 guests and 10 staff members had tested positive for COVID-19. DPH and HSH have made the decision to convert MSC South into a COVID-19 Recovery Center to serve COVID-19 positive people experiencing homelessness. MSC South guests have been moved to hotels, isolation, quarantine, or shelter-in-place sites, depending on their needs. Staff who have tested positive have been offered isolation hotel rooms if they do not have a safe alternative in their own homes.

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

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>

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>

Workplace and Businesses

Workers and Families First will fund five extra days of sick leave during the COVID-19 outbreak [Link here](#).

Guidance for Essential Businesses During Stay at Home Order [Link to the guidance 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

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](#).

The San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department continues to provide an emergency care program to provide child care for additional essential employees [Link to the announcement here](#).

Transit and Traffic Updates

Muni has reduced service in order to maintain appropriate frequency on San Francisco's 17 highest ridership lines focused on access to medical facilities and equity for people most dependent on public transit. [Link to the announcement](#).

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](#).

Available Photos and B-Roll:

[Photos](#) and [video b-roll](#) of SFDPH Public Health Laboratory COVID-19 laboratory testing.

[Photos](#) and [video b-roll](#) of San Francisco's Emergency Operations Center.

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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