



## UPDATE FROM THE MAYOR

Dear South San Francisco residents,

As we adjust to this new normal, it's hard to believe that we are now in our 10<sup>th</sup> day of a shelter-in-place order from the County. I can't stress the importance of adhering to the County and State order. For many, there are still more questions than answers. The State of California has issued specific guidelines for the shelter in place public health order. [This article and video](#) provides an easy to follow interpretation of the requirements. As a reminder, we are allowed to travel for essential needs, such as emergencies, food purchases, or to help a family member in need. You can walk, bike, or hike in your neighborhood, but please adhere to the social distancing requirements. Please do not call 911 for social distancing violations and please help each other and educate each other on ways to stay safe during this time.

While you may be inundated with COVID-19 messaging these days, whether it's on the news, from family, friends or neighbors, I did want to pass along a few City and County updates. First and foremost, I'd like to encourage you to watch our recently posted [Public Service Announcement](#) from myself and our City Manager. It provides an overall update on COVID-19, and City operations.

### **Virtual City Town Hall**

On **MONDAY, March 30 at 6:00 p.m.**, I, along with our City Manager, are hosting a virtual Town Hall on GoToMeeting. GoToMeeting is a teleconferencing tool that will enable users to watch and/or call from their computers or mobile devices to hear a live update. This tool is free. The Town Hall will give you a chance to ask questions about the current shelter in place, COVID-19, the City's role, and where to find more information. I ask that if you have any questions, to please send them to [CityInfo@ssf.net](mailto:CityInfo@ssf.net) so we can ensure our residents are getting the most from this Town Hall. [More details can be found here.](#)

### **South San Francisco Community Volunteer Corps Has Launched!**

The Community Volunteer Corps (CVC) is a City-led initiative with partnerships with the City's core service agency, service clubs, schools, and faith-based organizations to solicit and train volunteers in providing essential services, supporting the South San Francisco population who are medically disabled, older adults, homebound, caregivers, and financially disadvantaged, during the State of Emergency and government mandates to shelter in place to prevent the spread of COVID-19. If you are a person in need of help, or someone who can provide help, please visit our website to fill out your contact information at [www.ssf.net/Coronavirus](http://www.ssf.net/Coronavirus).

### **San Mateo Strong**

The County of San Mateo has worked with the Silicon Valley Community Foundation to create a San Mateo County-specific fund named the ***San Mateo County Strong Fund***. The San Mateo County Board of Supervisors made an important vote this week to approve an initial \$3 million in Measure K funds to launch the ***San Mateo County Strong Fund***. The purpose of this fund will be to address the swift and unexpected impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic at a very

local level by helping the following most-impacted groups:

We are asking folks who are able to do so, **please make a tax-deductible donation today** at [www.SMCStrong.org](http://www.SMCStrong.org) to support individuals and families, non-profits serving our most vulnerable residents, small business owners, and self-employed residents hit hardest by California's state-wide COVID-19 *Shelter in Place* order.

**ALL** money donated will stay inside San Mateo County and not one penny will go elsewhere, so you can have confidence that you are helping your neighbors and the local small business and self-employed people in your community. In challenging times like this, it's more important than ever that we all pull together in San Mateo County. **Donate today at [www.SMCStrong.org](http://www.SMCStrong.org)**

#### **Give Blood**

American Red Cross reports that they have experienced 250,000 fewer blood donations nationally since the onset of coronavirus - but the need for it continues. If you are feeling healthy and well, and feel a call to assist your community, please consider donating blood by making an appointment using the Red Cross Blood Donor App found in your app store, visiting [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767)

As always, the City of South San Francisco is here for you. We have set up a dedicated website, [www.ssf.net/Coronavirus](http://www.ssf.net/Coronavirus) which is updated daily with new information and resources. I also encourage you to sign up for our citywide email distribution list. This is a great way to stay in touch with the City! We can also be reached via email at [CityInfo@ssf.net](mailto:CityInfo@ssf.net) or we're just a phone call away, (650) 877-8502.

Sincerely,



Richard Garbarino  
Mayor

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