March 26 Update on COVID-19 & the City’s Response

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This is **Day 9** of the city-wide “shelter in place” order.\(^1\)^\(^2\)^\(^3\) As of 9 a.m., the number of confirmed positive cases in San Francisco has increased to **223** and **2** deaths.\(^4\)

Mayor Breed, Director of Health Dr. Grant Colfax, Dr. David Klein, President and CEO of Saint Francis Memorial Hospital and Chair of the San Francisco Section-Hospital Council Northern & Central California, and Mark R. Laret, President and Chief Executive Officer of UCSF Health, joined with all San Francisco hospitals yesterday to present their unified COVID-19 surge plan and call for more federal and state support. Learn more [here](#).

Please note, San Francisco City Hall has now closed to the public as of this morning; however, City Hall is open for some city business.

Due to overcrowding, the East Bay Regional Park District, the largest such park district in the country has announced park closures. More details [here](#).

**Do your part: stay home. Together we can save lives.**\(^5\)

Please stay home except to get food, care for a relative or friend, get necessary health care, or go to an essential job.

- You may walk, bike or go for a run near your home but must maintain at least 6 feet from others when outdoors. If you need to get into a car or on public transportation to go for a walk or run, you’re going too far.
- Stay at least 6 feet apart when leaving your home for essential activities. [Get more information on social distancing.](#)
- Look out for one another. Check in on older adults, those with underlying health conditions and those who may be isolated during this time. Call, email or talk through the door. Make sure to limit face to face interactions with those who are particularly vulnerable to coronavirus.


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**Resources referenced above**

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3 List of Emotional and Mental Support Services Available

4 SF Department of Public Health website reporting new cases and deaths at https://www.sfdph.org/dph/alerts/coronavirus.asp. Please note, these numbers may not accurately reflect the actual number of cases due to limited testing and asymptomatic cases.

5 From SF.gov Stay home during the coronavirus outbreak. https://sf.gov/stay-home-except-essential-needs

Communications from City & County of San Francisco

- Schools will reopen in Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo and Santa Clara counties on Monday, May 4. Visit the SFUSD website to read the press release here.
- Trans care during COVID-19: Caring for ourselves is caring for our community, read the letter here.
- The San Francisco Recreation and Park Department will also expand their emergency care program to provide child care for additional essential employees. This is part of the City’s efforts to support essential workers during the COVID-19 pandemic. Link to details here.
- Executive Order imposing a temporary moratorium on eviction for non-payment of rent by residential tenants directly impacted by the novel coronavirus crisis. For more information and guidance for tenants and landlords: https://sf.gov/news/about-citys-temporary-moratorium-evictions
- Link to Public Health Order prohibiting routine procedures and elective surgeries, permitting counseling and other appointments to occur remotely, permitting in-person essential appointments if the provider screens the patient and follows social distancing is here.
- March 17 Press Release re expedited hiring of health care professionals is here.
- March 16 Press Release re “shelter in place”: here

Other resources

Kaiser Permanente COVID-19 website link: https://mydoctor.kaiserpermanente.org/covid-19/

East Bay Getting to Zero has a hub of resources for people living with HIV and providers with links to updates from Alameda and Contra Costa Counties here - https://www.ebgtz.org/update/covid-19/.

Collected resources from SF HIV FOG: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/171m9_bfUKPXehvgRzW2wlaQLHG8GHRC?usp=sharing

**If you are interested in joining the SF HIV Frontline Workers List, please send an email to SFHIVFOG@gmail.com. You’re welcome to join!**
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For disabled adults or people over 60 who experience isolation or loneliness: The Institute on Aging’s “Friendship Line” – 800-971-0016; https://www.ioaging.org/services/all-inclusive-health-care/friendship-line

For information from the CA Department of Public Health: www.cdph.ca.gov/covid19; https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DOA/CDPH%20Document%20Library/COVID19forHIVPoz_ADA.pdf

For information from the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention): https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/index.html

For Global Daily Updates: https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019