March 27 Update on COVID-19 & the City’s Response

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This is Day 10 of the city-wide “shelter in place” order. As of 9 a.m., the number of confirmed positive cases in San Francisco has increased to 279 and 3 deaths. The United States now has more coronavirus cases than any other country in the world, the New York Times reported Thursday. The U.S. now has 92,932 cases, according to researchers at Johns Hopkins.

Mayor Breed and Dr. Colfax, Director of Health, today announced prioritized COVID-19 testing for critical first responders and health care workers who are essential to the City’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as three new mobile testing sites available to members of the public who have a clinician referral. Learn more here.

Yesterday, the City and County of San Francisco shared this guidance for essential businesses that remain open to the public under the City’s Public Health Order to help protect employee health, reduce crowding at essential businesses, and help keep highly trafficked spaces clean. Under the guidance, essential businesses such as grocery stores and pharmacies should:

- establish protocols to keep six feet of distance between customers;
- clean and disinfect regularly; and
- make hand sanitizer, sanitizing wipes, or soap, water and paper towels readily available.

The City is providing signage to support stay at home and social distance messaging for businesses.

Updates on the Laguna Honda community: the City and County of San Francisco and Department of Public Health continue to focus on protecting vulnerable populations and health care workers, and on slowing the spread of the disease. More cases of COVID-19 are expected in the Laguna Honda community, among staff and residents, because it is now spreading throughout the Bay Area. Read the press release here.

The California Department of Motor Vehicles will close all field offices beginning Friday in response to the coronavirus pandemic, the DMV announced on its website Thursday night. All appointments have been canceled.

AIDS 2020 to be held on 6-10 July 2020, will become the first virtual edition of the International AIDS Conference. Please visit AIDS 2020: Virtual for more information.

Resources referenced above

3 List of Emotional and Mental Support Services Available
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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.

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_bfUKPXehgygRzW2wIaQLHG8GHRC?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!**

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
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[https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DOA/CDPH%20Document%20Library/COVID19forHIVPoz_ADA.pdf](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DOA/CDPH%20Document%20Library/COVID19forHIVPoz_ADA.pdf)
