

2019–2020 School Year COVID-19 Orders

New San Mateo County Health Order Aligns with State (6-17-20)

On June 17th, San Mateo County Health Officer Dr. Scott Morrow issued a new order aligning the county with the State's [Resilience Roadmap](#). The order limits gatherings to no more than 50 people, outlines social distancing and face covering requirements, allows for social bubbles, and requires businesses to implement a social distancing protocol and written health and safety plans.

- [Announcement of New San Mateo County Health Order](#) (6-17-20)
- [Revised San Mateo County Health Order](#) (6-17-20)

San Mateo County Health Order Loosens Restrictions (5-29-20)

San Mateo County Health Officer Dr. Scott Morrow issued a revised shelter in place order, to go into effect on June 1, 2020, that further aligns the County with Gov. Gavin Newsom's Resilience Roadmap. For childcare establishments, summer camps, and other educational or recreational institutions or programs providing care or supervision for children, the stable group time requirement has been decreased from four weeks to three consecutive weeks.

- [Announcement of Shelter in Place Order](#) (5-29-20)
- [Revised San Mateo County Shelter in Place Order](#) (5-29-20)

San Mateo County Aligns with State's Early Phase Two (5-15-20)

San Mateo County Public Health Officer Dr. Scott Morrow issued an order on Friday, May 15, that aligns with early Phase Two of Governor Gavin Newsom's [Resilience Roadmap](#). The new order continues to restrict most activity, travel, and governmental and business functions to essential needs, outdoor activities, and outdoor businesses but adds additional businesses and activities to the list of permitted functions. Childcare establishments, summer camps, and other educational or recreational institutions or programs providing care or supervision are now open to all children. Social distancing measures and face-covering requirements remain in effect.

- [Announcement of Stay at Home Order](#) (5-15-20)
- [Revised San Mateo County Stay at Home Order](#) (5-15-20)

San Mateo County Order Allows Highly-Regulated Vehicle-Based Gatherings (5-11-20)

San Mateo County Health Officer Dr. Scott Morrow has issued a new order permitting certain “highly regulated” gatherings of vehicles, designed to allow schools to host modified graduation ceremonies. The order takes effect at 11:59 PM on May 11.

For gatherings of ten or more vehicles, the order requires the occupants of the vehicle to be members of the same household, not to exit the vehicle at the gathering except to use a restroom or collect an item such as a diploma, and, if the windows are open, to wear face coverings. The order does not permit motorcycles, convertibles with the top open, vehicles with no doors, or bicycles to attend the gatherings. Event organizers must limit the gathering to no more than 200 invited vehicles, limit the event to three hours or less, provide security, and prepare a gathering plan.

- [Announcement of Order Allowing Highly-Regulated Vehicle-Based Gatherings \(5-11-20\)](#)
- [San Mateo County Order Allowing Highly-Regulated Vehicle-Based Gatherings \(5-11-20\)](#)
- [Appendix A: Highly-Regulated Vehicle-Based Gathering Plan \(5-11-20\)](#)

Bay Area Health Officers Reaffirm Shelter-in-Place Order through May 31, 2020 (5-7-20)

Health Officers in Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo, and Santa Clara counties issued a release on May 7 reaffirming that their order to shelter-in-place through May 31st is still in effect after Governor Gavin Newsom allowed certain businesses to reopen on Friday, May 8. Schools will continue to transition from in-person classroom instruction to at-home and distance learning formats. School leaders will also continue to utilize campus facilities to distribute school meals and provide childcare or supervision as determined by local needs.

- [Announcement Reaffirming the Shelter-in-Place Order Through May 31 \(5-7-20\)](#)

Bay Area Public Health Officers Extend Shelter-in-Place Order through May 31, 2020 (4-29-20)

On Wednesday, April 29, the Public Health Officers of the Counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo, and Santa Clara as well as the City of Berkeley issued revised shelter-in-place orders that largely keep the current restrictions in place and extend them through May 31, 2020. The new order includes limited easing of specific restrictions for a small number of lower-risk activities, including

construction, outdoor businesses, and outdoor recreation at shared outdoor facilities such as skate parks.

- [Announcement of Revised Shelter-in-Place Order](#) (4-29-20)
- [Revised San Mateo County Shelter-In-Place Order](#) (4-29-20)
- [Appendix A: Social Distancing Protocol](#) (4-29-20)
- [Appendix B-1: Small Construction Project Safety Protocol](#)
- [Appendix B-2: Large Construction Project Safety Protocol](#)

Governor Newsom's Executive Order on Local Control Accountability Plans (4-23-20)

Governor Gavin Newsom issued an executive order that extends the deadlines for local educational agencies to submit Local Control and Accountability Plans (LCAP) from July 1, 2020, to December 15, 2020. Local educational agencies will publish a written report to their communities explaining how they are responding to COVID-19. The executive order also waives required physical education minutes and annual physical fitness testing that requires on-site instruction.

- [Governor Newsom's Executive Order on Local Control Accountability Plans](#) (4-23-20)

Bay Area Campuses Stay Closed through the End of the School Year (4-13-20)

Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo, and Santa Clara county superintendents, in collaboration with the public health officers in their respective counties, announced on April 7, 2020, the decision to extend campus closures through the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. The San Mateo County School Operations Modifications Order was revised on April 13 to align with this extension.

Schools will continue to transition from in-person classroom instruction to at-home and distance learning formats. School leaders will also continue to utilize campus facilities to distribute school meals and provide childcare or supervision as determined by local needs.

- [Media Release Announcing the Extension of School Closures](#) (4-7-20)
- [Revised San Mateo County Stay at Home Order](#) (4-13-20)

Governor Newsom's Executive Order on Childcare for Essential Workers (4-4-20)

On Saturday, April 4, Governor Newsom released an Executive Order that waives an extensive range of requirements as needed to serve the children of essential critical infrastructure workers. The Executive Order also requires the Departments of Social

Services and Education to jointly develop guidance by Tuesday, April 7, on the prioritization of children to be served and issues related to group size, physical distancing, and health and safety.

- [Governor Newsom's Executive Order on Childcare for Essential Workers](#) (4-4-20)

Bay Area Public Health Officers Extend Stay At Home Order to May 3 (3-31-20)

San Mateo County Health Officer Dr. Scott Morrow, in conjunction with the health officers of other Bay Area counties, extended a previous stay-at-home order through May 3, 2020, in order to preserve critical hospital capacity across the region. The new order adds some clarifying language around essential business and activities, as well as some new directives. Educational institutions are exempt for purposes of facilitating distance learning or performing essential functions.

- [Announcement of Stay at Home Order](#) (3-31-20)
- [Revised San Mateo County Stay at Home Order](#) (3-31-20)

Bay Area School Closures and Student Dismissals from Regular School Attendance to be Extended through May 1, 2020 (3-25-20)

Seven Bay Area county health officers, in collaboration with their six county superintendents of schools have made a unified, regional decision to extend school closures and student dismissals from regular school attendance through May 1, 2020 to slow the spread of COVID-19 to the maximum extent possible. School facilities may remain open to staff for the purposes of performing tasks deemed essential by the school district and county offices of education. Education will continue through flexible learning, meals will continue to be provided and, where possible, childcare may be arranged.

- [Media Release on Revised San Mateo County School Operations Modification Order](#)
- [Announcement of Revised San Mateo County School Operations Modification Order](#)
- [Revised San Mateo County School Operations Modification Order](#)

Governor Newsom's Executive Order to Stay Home Except for Essential Business (3-19-20)

California Governor Gavin Newsom issued an executive order on March 19, 2020, ordering all individuals living in the State of California to stay home or at their place of residence, except as needed to maintain continuity of operation of the federal

critical infrastructure sectors, critical government services, schools, childcare, and construction, including housing construction.

- [Governor Newsom's Executive Order to Stay at Home Except for Essential Business \(3-19-20\)](#)

Governor Newsom's Executive Order Suspending Standardized Testing (3-18-20)

To reduce the strain on students, families, and educators during the COVID-19 outbreak, Governor Gavin Newsom issued an executive order to waive this year's statewide testing for California's more than 6 million students in K-12 schools.

- [Governor Newsom's Executive Order Suspending Standardized Testing \(3-18-20\)](#)

Bay Area Health Officers Order Residents to Stay at Home Except for Essential Business (3-16-20)

On March 16, San Mateo County Health Officer, in conjunction with the health officers of other Bay Area counties, issued an order that residents must shelter in their place of residence except to engage in certain essential activities and work for essential business and government services. Educational institutions are exempt for purposes of facilitating distance learning or performing essential functions.

- [Announcement of Bay Area Stay at Home Order \(3-16-20\)](#)
- [San Mateo County Stay at Home Order \(3-16-20\)](#)

SMC Health Officer Orders Ban on Mass Gatherings (3-14-20)

San Mateo County Health Officer Dr. Scott Morrow has amended his previous order (March 12) to further limit the number of persons who may gather. Effective March 15, 2020, and continuing until April 6, 2020, public or private gatherings of more than 50 persons are prohibited in San Mateo County. During the same period, gatherings of fewer than 50 persons are prohibited unless hosts or sponsors implement all of the COVID-19 risk mitigation measures listed in the order. However, Dr. Morrow urges hosts and sponsors to cancel all such gatherings.

- [Announcement of Order Banning Gatherings of More than 50 People \(3-14-20\)](#)
- [Order Banning Gatherings of More than 50 People \(3-14-20\)](#)

SMC Health Officer Orders School Operations Modifications (3-13-20)

San Mateo County Health Officer Dr. Scott Morrow issued a School Operations Modification Order that will take effect on Monday, March 16, 2020, and remain in force through Friday, April 3, 2020, unless amended by the County or State health officer. The order requires all schools to dismiss students from regular attendance and encourages schools and school districts to implement at-home learning models if feasible. At-home learning might involve online content, paper packets, extended readings and research, at-home projects, or any number of options.

- [Announcement of San Mateo County School Operations Modification Order](#) (3-12-20)
- [San Mateo County School Operations Modification Order](#) (3-12-20)

Governor Newsom's Executive Order Ensuring State Funding for Schools Even in Event of Physical Closure (3-13-20)

Governor Gavin Newsom issued an executive order ensuring California public school districts retain state funding even in the event that they dismiss students. The order directs school districts to use those state dollars to fund distance learning and high-quality educational opportunities; provide school meals; arrange for, to the extent practicable, supervision for students during ordinary school hours; and continue to pay employees.

- [Governor Newsom's Executive Order Ensuring State Funding for Schools in Event of Physical Closure](#) (3-13-20)