



## Item No. 6 Town of Atherton

### CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT – CONSENT AGENDA

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** GEORGE RODERICKS, CITY MANAGER

**DATE:** JANUARY 20, 2021

**SUBJECT:** CERTIFICATION OF CONTINUING EMERGENCY AND RATIFICATION OF SUCH RULES AND REGULATIONS ENACTED BY THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19

### RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council certify the continuing emergency and ratify such rules and regulations enacted by the Director of Emergency Services in response to COVID-19.

### BACKGROUND | ANALYSIS

The City Council last met on December 16, 2020 and certified the continuing emergency and ratified such rules and regulations enacted by the Director of Emergency Services in response to COVID-19. Since that time, there were minor adjustments in Town operations or services to address the Governor’s Regional Stay at Home Order (“*Deep Purple*”).

As the Council is aware, the Governor issued a Regional Stay-at-Home Order, based on Intensive Care Unit (ICU) capacities. The Order goes into effect at 11:59 pm the day *after* a region has been announced to have less than 15% ICU availability. Under the Order, the State has been divided into 5 regions:

- Northern California, Bay Area, Greater Sacramento, San Joaquin Valley, and Southern California.

The Order will end if the region’s ICU capacity projected out four weeks is above or equal to 15%. The Order will remain in effect in a region if its ICU capacity projected out four weeks is less than 15%. San Mateo County is part of the Bay Area Region.

Under the Order, the following sectors are allowed to remain open with safety precautions:

- Critical infrastructure (this includes construction)
- Schools
- Non-urgent medical and dental care

- Childcare and pre-K

Following is a listing of impact under the Order; however, in Atherton, the only impact is limitations on permitting private events at the Park and permitting for private special events on private property. The following sectors will have additional modifications in addition to 100% masking and physical distancing:

- Outdoor recreational facilities
- Indoor Gyms
- Retail – Allow indoor operation at 20% capacity and 35% capacity for standalone grocery stores
- Shopping Centers – Allow indoor access at 20% capacity
- Hotels & Lodging – Allow for COVID-19 mitigation and containment measures, accommodation for essential workers or housing solutions for homeless populations
- Restaurants – allow take out or delivery only
- Offices – allow remote only except for critical infrastructure sectors
- Places of worship and political expression
- Entertainment production – content for broadcast without live audience

The following sectors or operations must be closed:

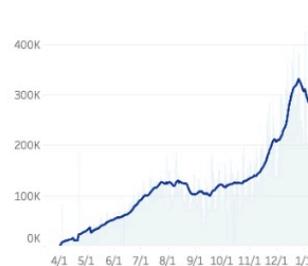
- Hair salons and barbershops
- Personal Care Services
- Museums, Zoos, and Aquariums
- Movie Theaters (except Drive-In)
- Wineries, bars, breweries and distilleries
- Family Entertainment Centers
- Cardrooms and Satellite wagering
- Live Audience Sports
- Amusement Parks

State Dashboard data for January 11, 2021 is shown here.

The number of COVID-19 diagnostic test results in California reached a total of 36,508,384, an increase of 337,856 tests from the prior day total. The rate of positive tests over the last 14 days is 13.5 percent.

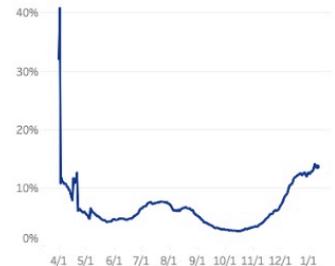
Total tests reported in California

**337,856** new tests reported  
36,508,384 total tests reported  
0.9% increase from prior day total



Positivity rate in California

**13.5%** test positivity (14-day average)  
1.3% increase from 14 days ago



The number of hospitalizations due to confirmed and suspected COVID-19 cases in California reached a total of 22,665, an increase of 36 from the prior day total. The number of ICU patients due to confirmed and suspected COVID-19 cases in California reached a total of 4,962, a decrease of 9 from the prior day total.

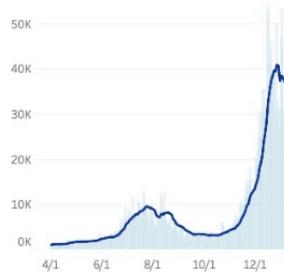
Below is a County Data Dashboard that reflects the total cases as of January 12, 2021.

**Daily cases and deaths**

California has 2,747,288 confirmed cases of COVID-19, resulting in 30,513 deaths.

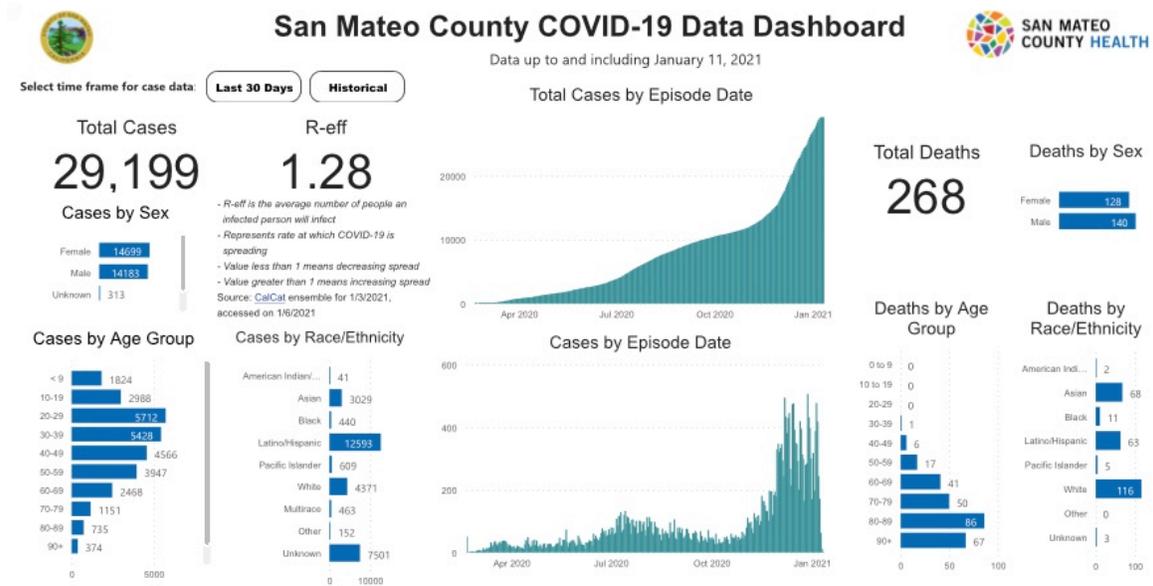
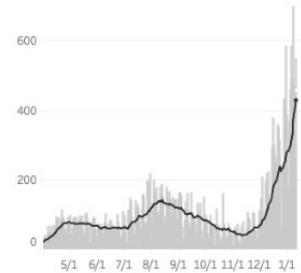
Total cases in California

**2,747,288** positive cases  
 36,487 new cases  
 1.3% increase from prior day total



Total deaths in California

**30,513** total deaths  
 548 new deaths  
 1.8% increase from prior day total



The County's ICU capacity as of January 11, 2021 was 0.7% ICU availability.

Town operations continue to follow COVID-19 Protocols and staff continues to operate on an A-Team/B-Team approach to limit the number of staff in the office at any given time. Staff alternate their time in the office with remote work plans.



**FISCAL IMPACT**

Rental activity at the Park has been significantly impacted. Rental revenue is minimal. Staff does not anticipate a return to full rental revenue and/or activities in the current fiscal year. Building, Planning and Public Works activity are at normal levels.

**POLICY FOCUS**

Policy issues are limited to the continuing emergency.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

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**COMMISSION/COMMITTEE FEEDBACK/REFERRAL**

This item \_\_\_ has or X has not been before a Town Committee or Commission.

- Audit/Finance Committee (meets every other month)
- Bicycle/Pedestrian Committee (meets as needed)
- Environmental Programs Committee (meets every other month)
- Park and Recreation Committee (meets each month)
- Planning Commission (meets each month)
- Rail Committee (meets every other month)
- Transportation Committee (meets every other month)

**ATTACHMENTS**

None.