



Item No. 6 Town of Atherton

CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT – CONSENT AGENDA

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: GEORGE RODERICKS, CITY MANAGER

DATE: MARCH 17, 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 February 17, 2021 and certified the continuing emergency and ratified such rules and regulations enacted by the Director of Emergency Services in response to COVID-19. As of March 10, 2021, the County is in the Red Tier (Substantial) of the State’s Re-Opening Plan. Recent news reports advise that based on the County’s Metrics, the County *may* move to the Orange Tier (Moderate) as soon as next week.

To move to the Orange Tier after its required 3-week stay in the Red Tier, the County’s Adjust case rate must be less than 3.9, its positivity rate must be below 4.9% and the health equity quartile must be below 5.2%. The County’s metrics meet all of these requirements now.



The Orange Tier will allow the reopening of a number of new activities and businesses, with modification. These include:

- hair salons, retail malls, libraries, personal care services, museums, zoos and aquariums at 50% capacity;
- places of worship at 50% capacity or 200 people, whichever is fewer;
- movie theaters at 50% capacity or 200 people, whichever is fewer;
- hotels and lodging;
- gym and fitness centers at 25% capacity;
- restaurants at 50% capacity or 200 people, whichever is fewer;
- wineries at 25% capacity or 100 people; whichever is fewer;
- family entertainment centers at 25% capacity; and
- Outdoor bars and breweries.

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. Restrooms at the Park have been reopened and subject to regular cleaning. The Post Office will work to return to normal operating hours. All Town offices have screening devices at their entry points to allow onsite in-person appointments. Facility rentals and day use permits are returning to normal operations, subject to COVID-19 protocols and limitations for event activities and capacity.

State and County Dashboard data is shown below.

Update for March 10, 2021

As of March 10, California has 3,513,678 confirmed cases of COVID-19, resulting in 54,621 deaths. The number of COVID-related deaths increased by 0.4 percent from the prior day total of 54,395.

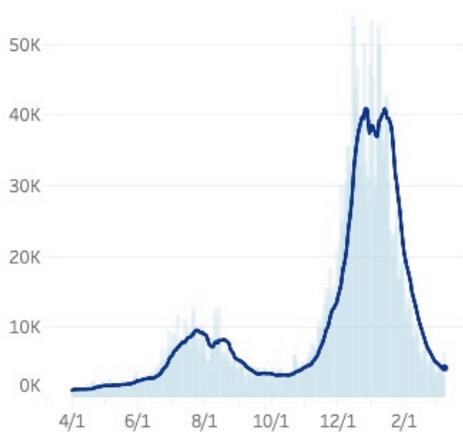


Daily cases and deaths

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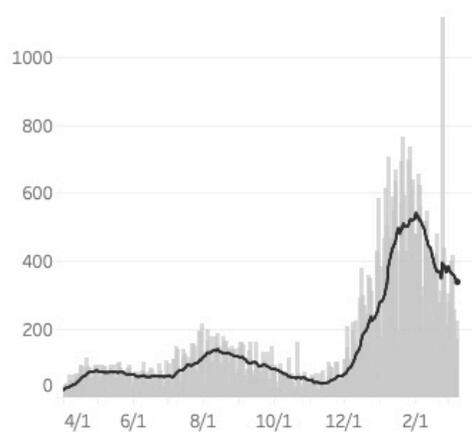
Total cases in California

3,513,678 positive cases
6,412 new cases
0.2% increase from prior day total



Total deaths in California

54,621 total deaths
226 new deaths
0.4% increase from prior day total

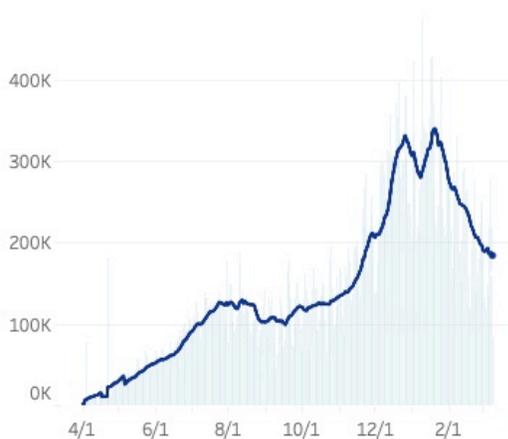


Testing for COVID-19

The number of COVID-19 diagnostic test results in California reached a total of 50,223,971, an increase of 84,140 tests from the prior day total. The rate of positive tests over the last 14 days is 2.3 percent.

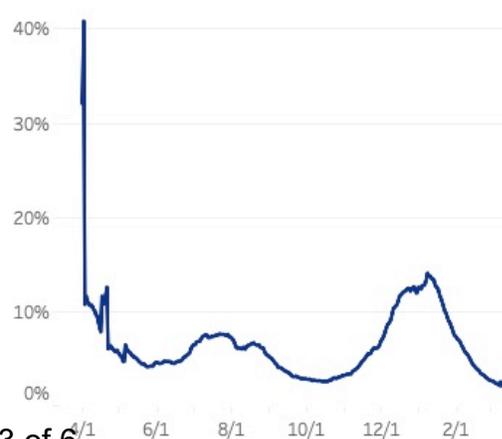
Total tests reported in California

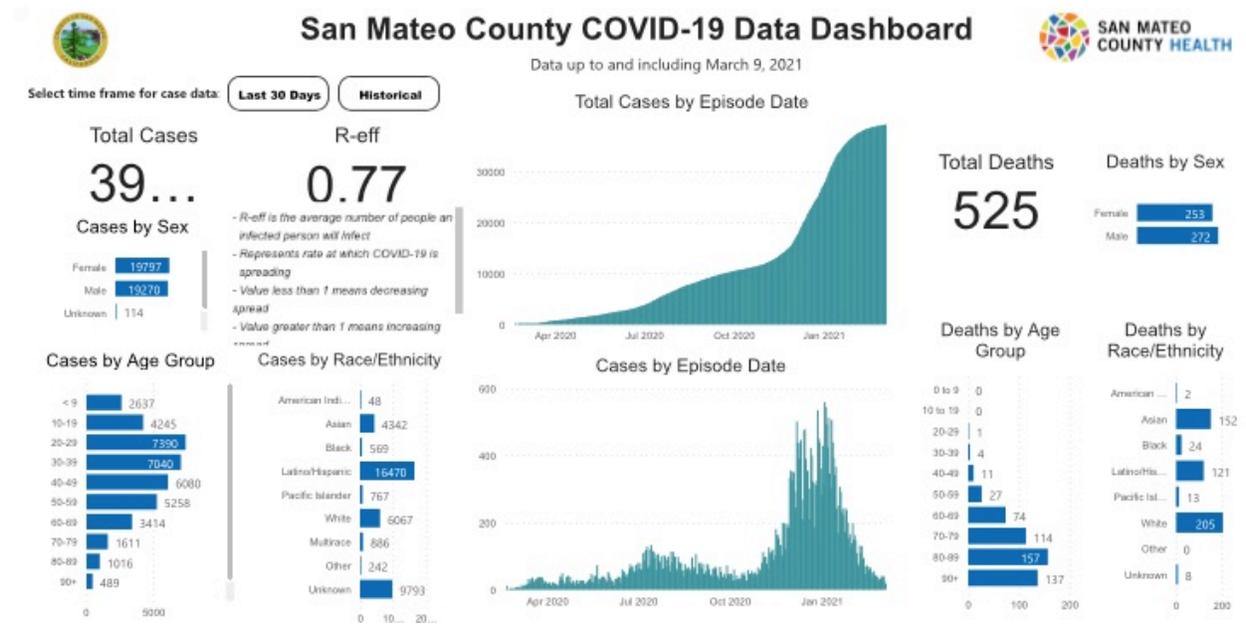
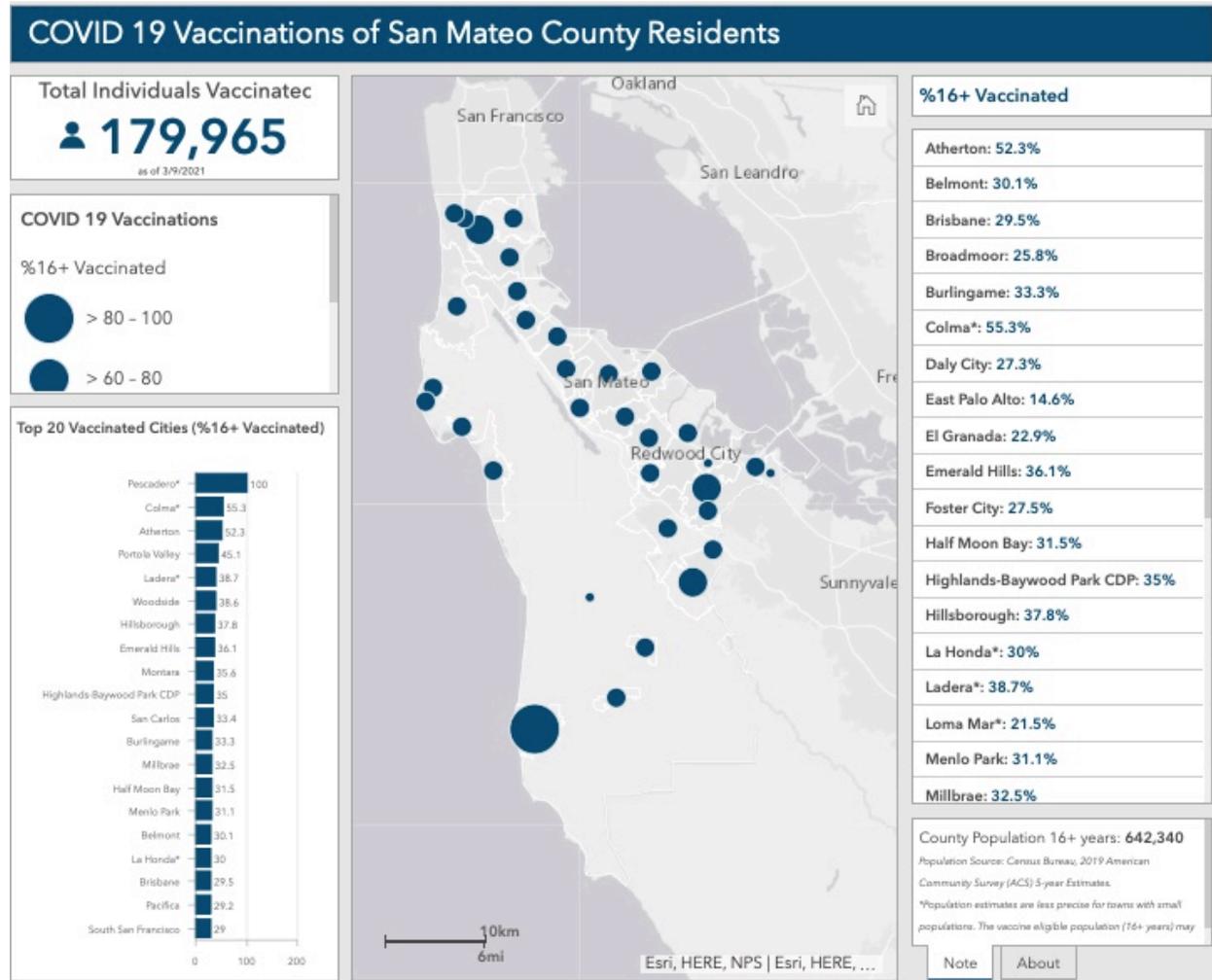
84,140 new tests reported
50,223,971 total tests reported
0.2% increase from prior day total

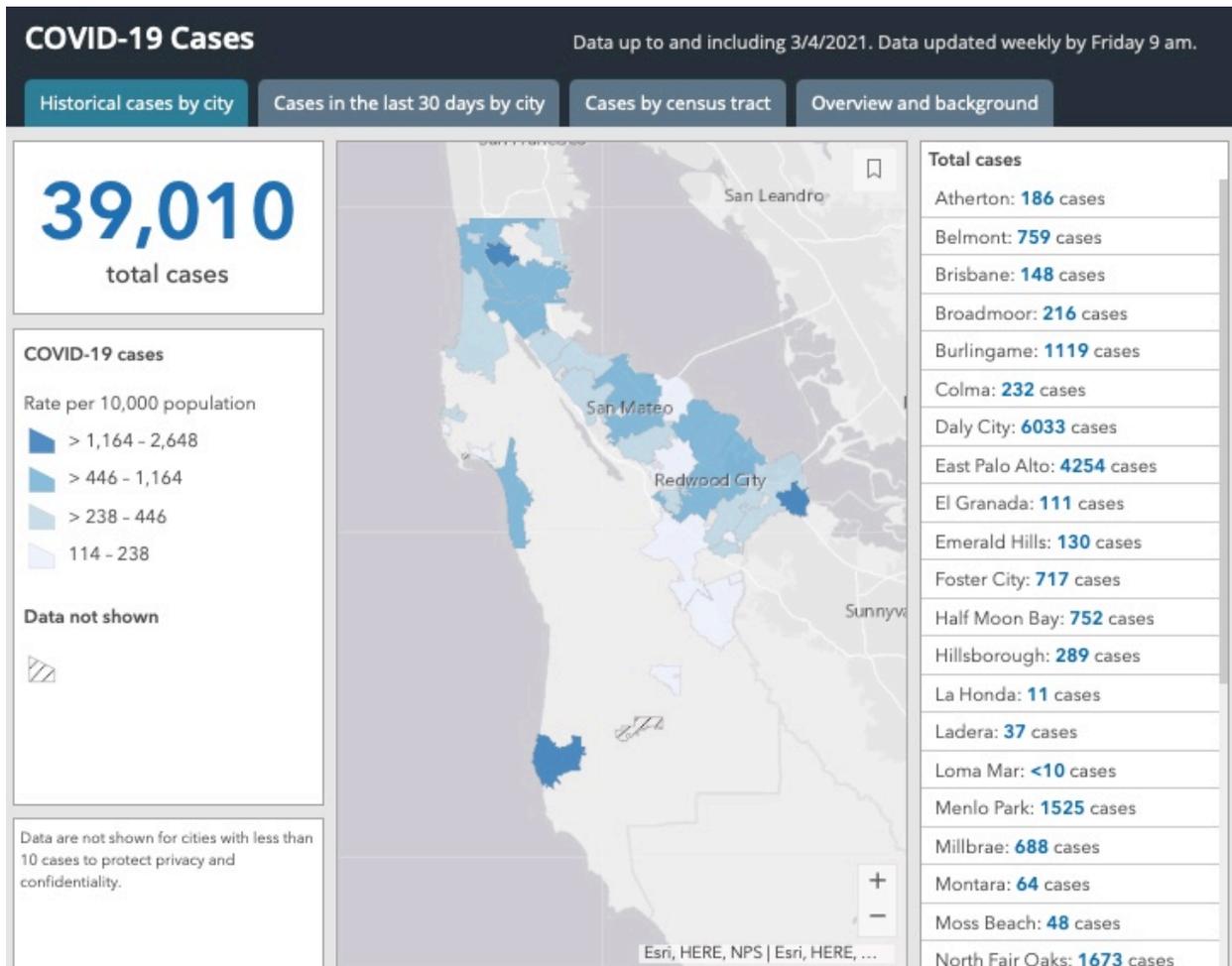


Positivity rate in California

2.3% test positivity (14-day average)
0.8% decrease from 14 days ago







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; but, given the relaxation of COVID-19 Protocols, staff anticipates a return of activity at the Park over the summer and ramping up to regular activity by mid-year (FY 2021/22).

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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as well as stakeholders – to include, but be not limited to, media outlets, school districts, Menlo Park Fire District, service providers (water, power, and sewer), and regional elected officials.

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.