



Item No. 9 Town of Atherton

CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT – REGULAR AGENDA

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: GEORGE RODERICKS, CITY MANAGER

DATE: APRIL 21, 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.

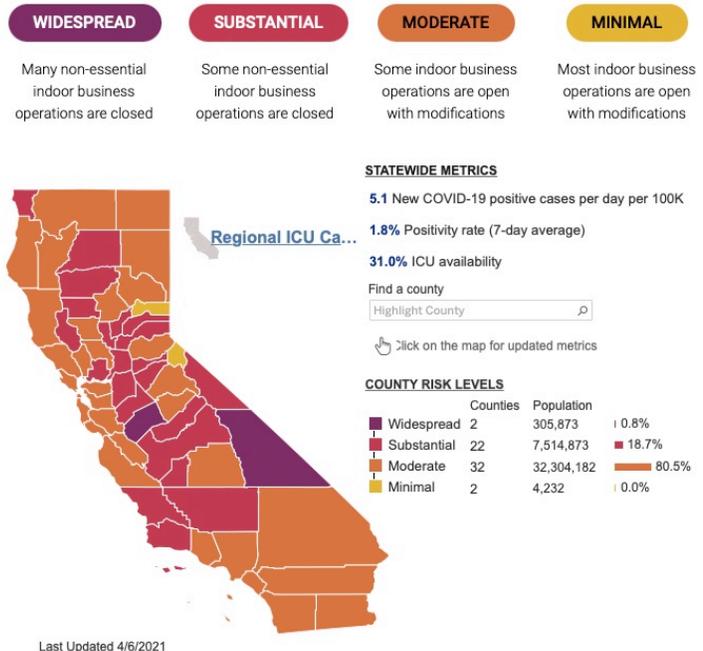
BACKGROUND | ANALYSIS

The City Council last met on March 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 April 13, 2021, the County is in the Orange Tier (Moderate) of the State’s Re-Opening Plan. Much of the State has moved to the Moderate Tier.

Counties must remain in a tier for at least 3 weeks before moving to a less restrictive tier. Counties must meet the next tier’s criteria for 2 consecutive weeks to move to a less restrictive tier.

San Mateo County has been in the Moderate Tier for at least 3 weeks, however, the County has not yet met the metrics required for the Yellow Tier. The metric for the Adjusted Case Rate and new case rate must be below 2. The County’s positivity rate and health equity rate are being met. However, if both the positivity rate

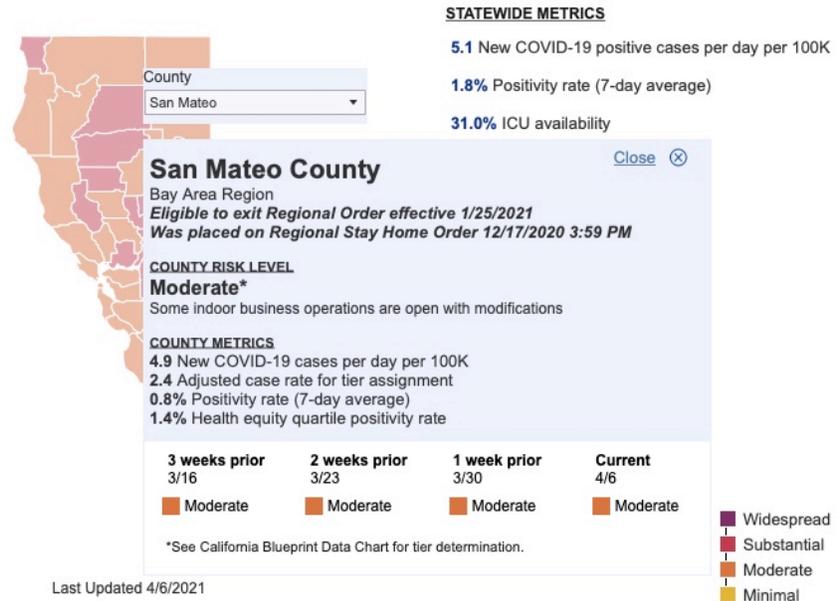


Certification of Continuing Emergency

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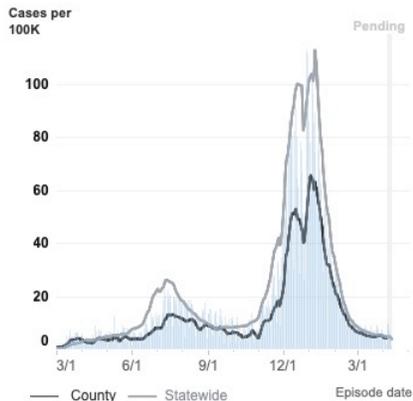
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and health equity rate are being met and the case rate is declining but does not yet meet the less restrictive tier's level, a county can still move forward. However, given the County's adjusted case rate, it is unlikely that the County will be able to over the course of the next couple of weeks. In addition, the number of confirmed cases in the County is slow, but not declining. The County has a 7-day average of 4 cases per 100,000.



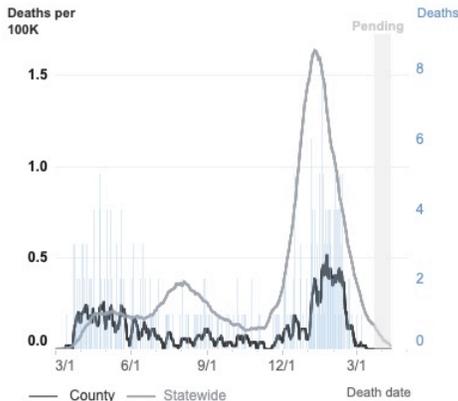
Confirmed cases in San Mateo County

Episode date	Reported date
40,901 total confirmed cases	
23 new cases (0.1% increase)	
4.0 cases per 100K (7-day average)	



Confirmed deaths in San Mateo County

Death date	Reported date
353 total confirmed deaths	
3 new deaths (0.9% increase)	
0.00 deaths per 100K (7-day average)	



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.

With respect to Park activities, the State Guidance was amended, effective April 15. The following guidance has been adopted as applicable to the Park:

Orange Tier (Current for SMC):

- For gatherings without a defined guestlist and seat assignments:
 - Outdoor maximum = 50

- Indoor gatherings are strongly discouraged, but not prohibited.
 - Such gatherings are allowed with modifications (no food/drink except when following the standards in the guidance)
 - A maximum of 25% capacity in settings where capacity limits exists or 25 people or whichever is fewer
- For Private Events (meetings/receptions/ conferences) – Such events should have purchased tickets or a defined guest list; Seating chart/Assigned seating; No intermingling of multiple private events
 - Outdoor maximum = 100 people
 - Indoor gatherings are strongly discouraged, but not prohibited.
 - If all guests are tested or show proof of full vaccination
 - Maximum = 150 people

Yellow Tier:

- For gatherings without a defined guest list/seat assignments
 - Outdoor Max = 100 people
 - Indoor gatherings are strongly discouraged,
 - Such gatherings are allowed with modifications (no food/drink except when following the standards in the guidance)
 - A maximum of 50% capacity in settings where capacity limits exists or 50 people or whichever is fewer
- For Private Events (meetings/receptions/ conferences) – Such events should have purchased tickets or defined guest list; Seating chart/Assigned seating; No intermingling of multiple private events
 - Outdoor maximum = 200
 - Indoor gatherings are strongly discouraged, but not prohibited.
 - If all guests are tested or show proof of full vaccination
 - Maximum = 200 people

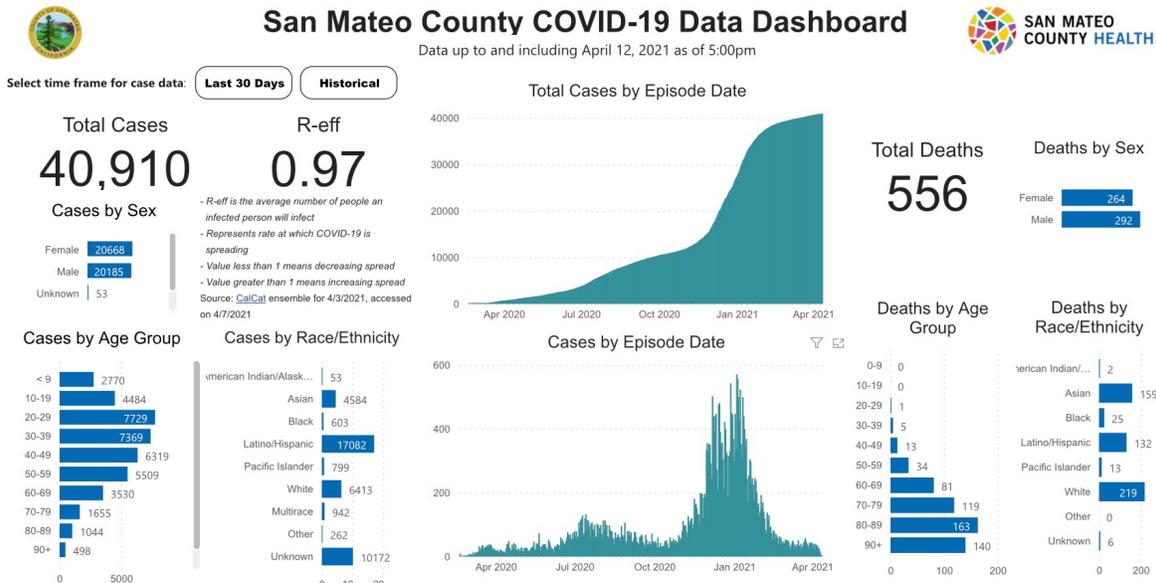
All Town offices have screening devices at their entry points to allow onsite in-person appointments. Facility rentals and day use permits are returning to normal operations, subject to COVID-19 protocols and limitations for event activities and capacity.

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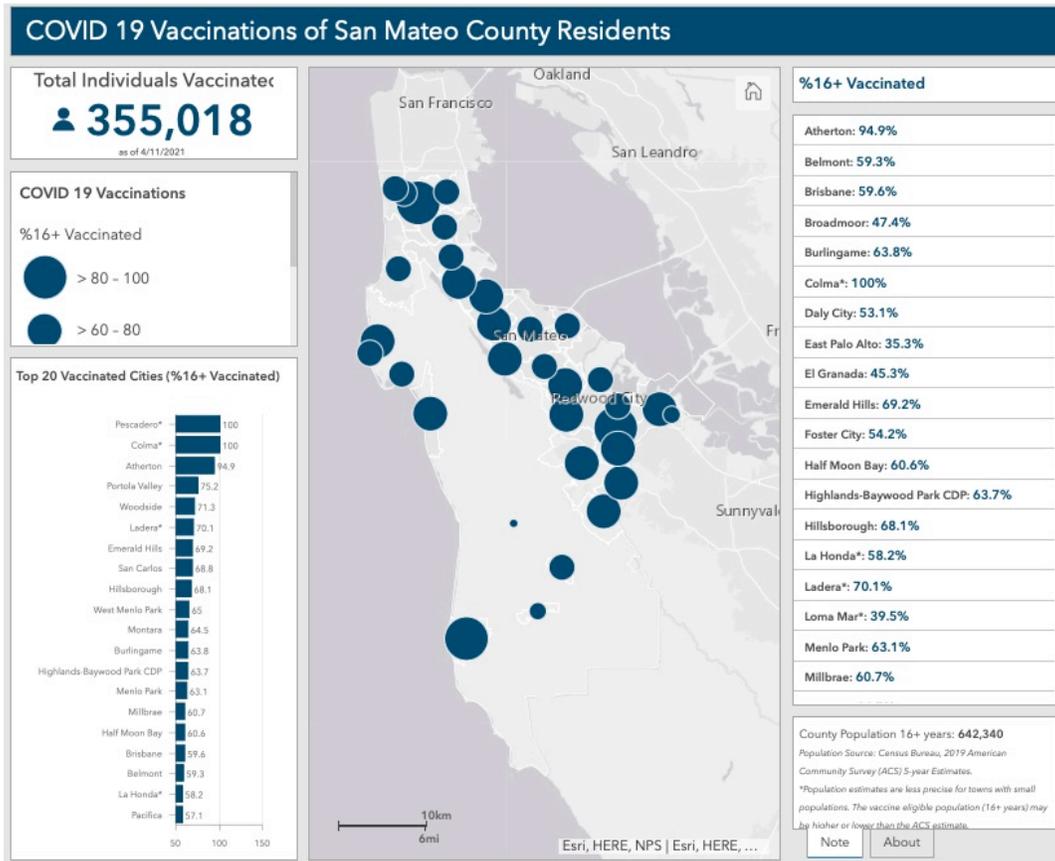
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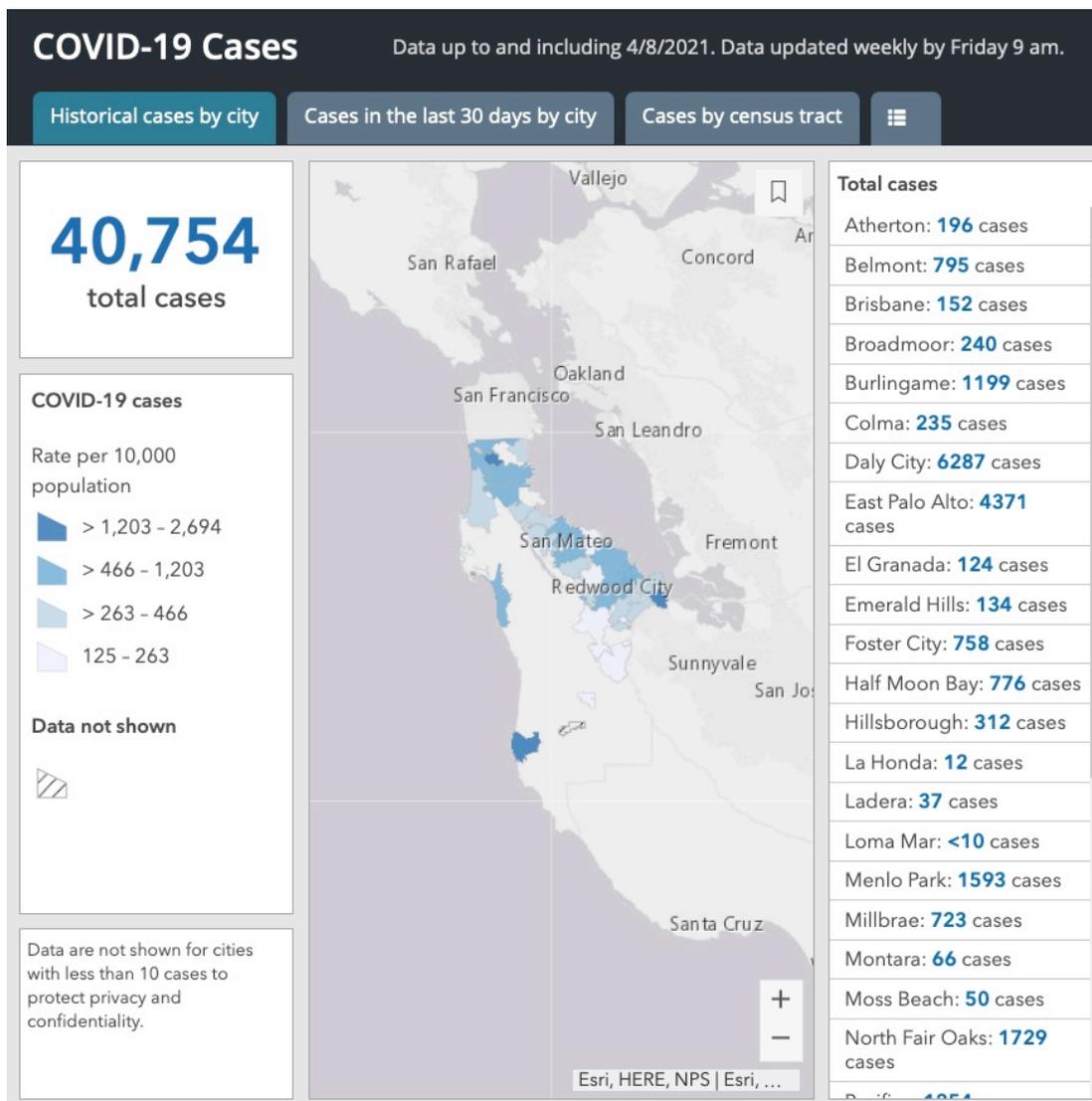
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County Dashboard data is shown below.



Because of limited testing capacity, the number of cases detected through testing represents only a small portion of the total number of likely cases in the County. COVID-19 data are reported as timely, accurately, and completely as we have available. Data are updated as we receive information that is more complete and will change over time as we learn more. Cases are lab-confirmed COVID-19 cases reported to San Mateo County Public Health by providers, commercial laboratories, and academic laboratories, including reporting results through the California Reportable Disease Information Exchange. A lab-confirmed case is defined as detection of SARS-CoV-2 RNA in a clinical specimen using a molecular amplification detection test. Cases are counted by episode date; episode date is defined as the earliest of: case symptom onset date, sample collection date, date of laboratory result, or date of death. Deaths reported in this dashboard include only San Mateo County residents; death data last updated April 8, 2021.





FISCAL IMPACT

Rental activity at the Park has been significantly impacted. Rental revenue has been minimal. However, activities are returning to the Park and staff anticipates that with the relaxation of COVID-19 Protocols, activity at the Park will increase over the summer and ramp 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

Public notification was achieved by posting the agenda, with this agenda item being listed, at least 72 hours prior to the meeting in print and electronically. Information about the project is also disseminated via the Town’s electronic News Flash and Atherton Online. There are approximately 1,200 subscribers to the Town’s electronic News Flash publications. Subscribers include residents 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.