



# Item No. 9 Town of Atherton

## CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT – CONSENT AGENDA

**TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL**

**FROM: GEORGE RODERICKS, CITY MANAGER**

**DATE: MAY 19, 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

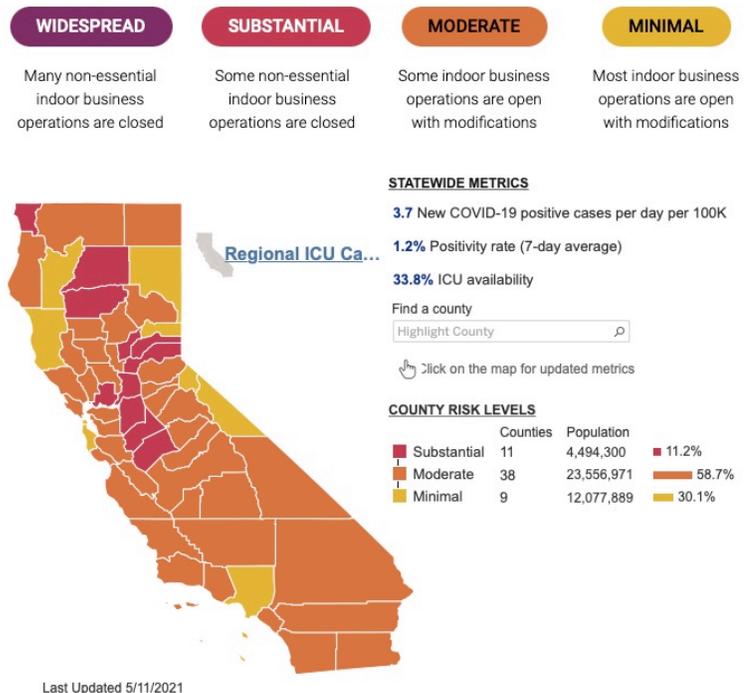
It is recommended that the Council certify the continuing emergency and ratify such rules and regulations enacted by the Director of Emergency Services in response to COVID-19.

### BACKGROUND | ANALYSIS

The City Council last met on April 21, 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 May 11, 2021, the County is in the Yellow Tier (Minimal) 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 is only recently in the Yellow Tier. It is anticipated that the County will remain in the Yellow Tier until June 15 when it is anticipated that the Governor will remove the County's color-coded Tier System and reopen the economy.

On June 15, 2021, it is anticipated that the Governor will order that California reopen its economy across the state *if*:

- There is enough vaccine supply for Californians 16 years and older to be vaccinated
- Hospitalization rates remain stable and low, especially among fully vaccinated Californians.

Once the Governor removes the Tiered System, common sense health measures, including the wearing of face coverings, will continue. Testing and vaccination requirements will remain for some businesses and industries.

Presently, Town operations continue to follow COVID-19 Protocols. Staff alternate their time in the office along with remote work plans. However, most staff have returned to the office full-time.

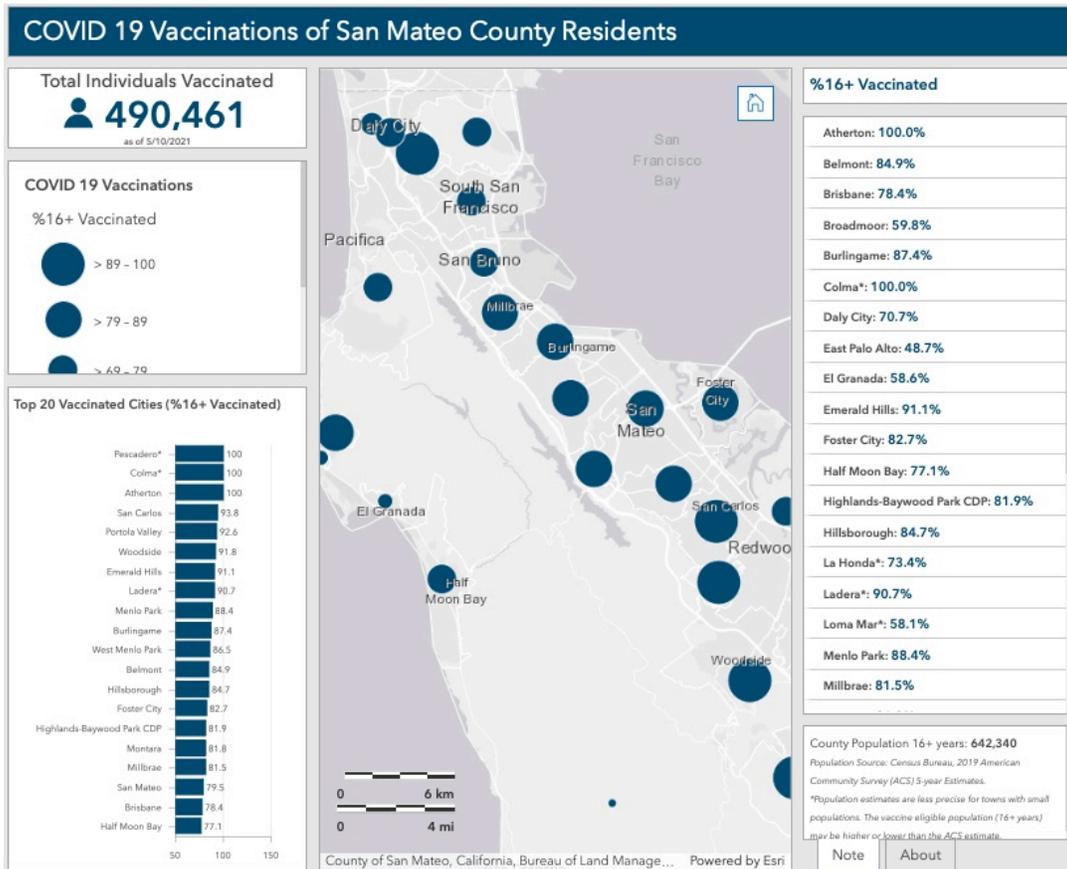
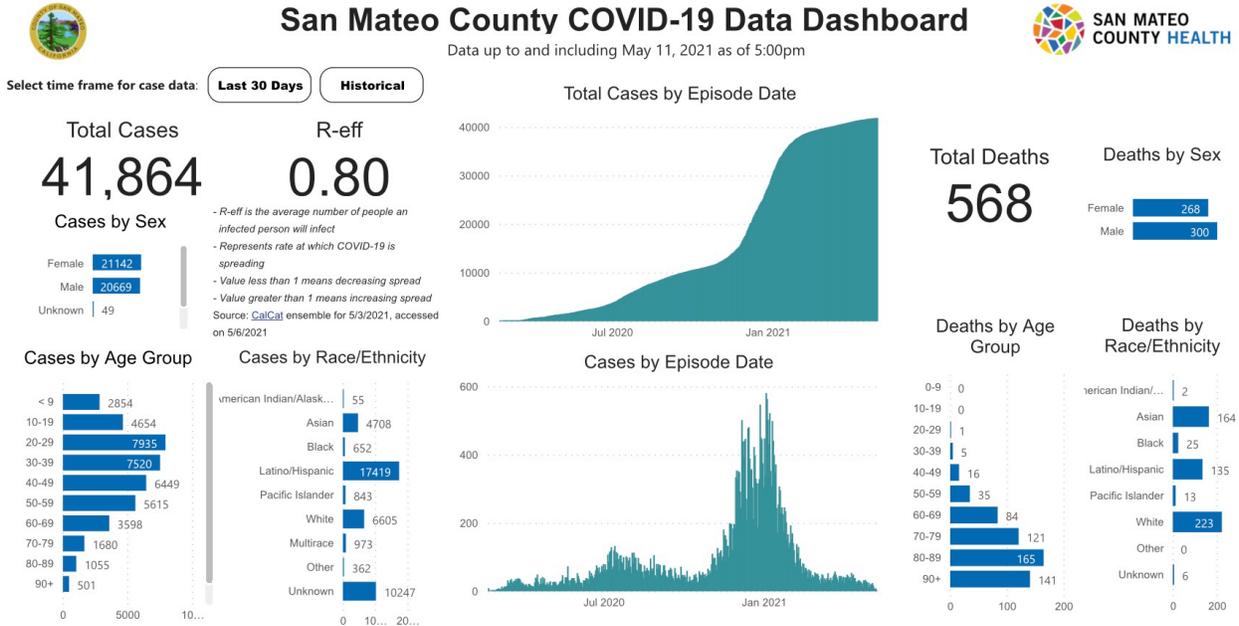
With respect to Park activities, the State Guidance for the respective tier is being applied. The following guidance has been adopted as applicable to the Park:

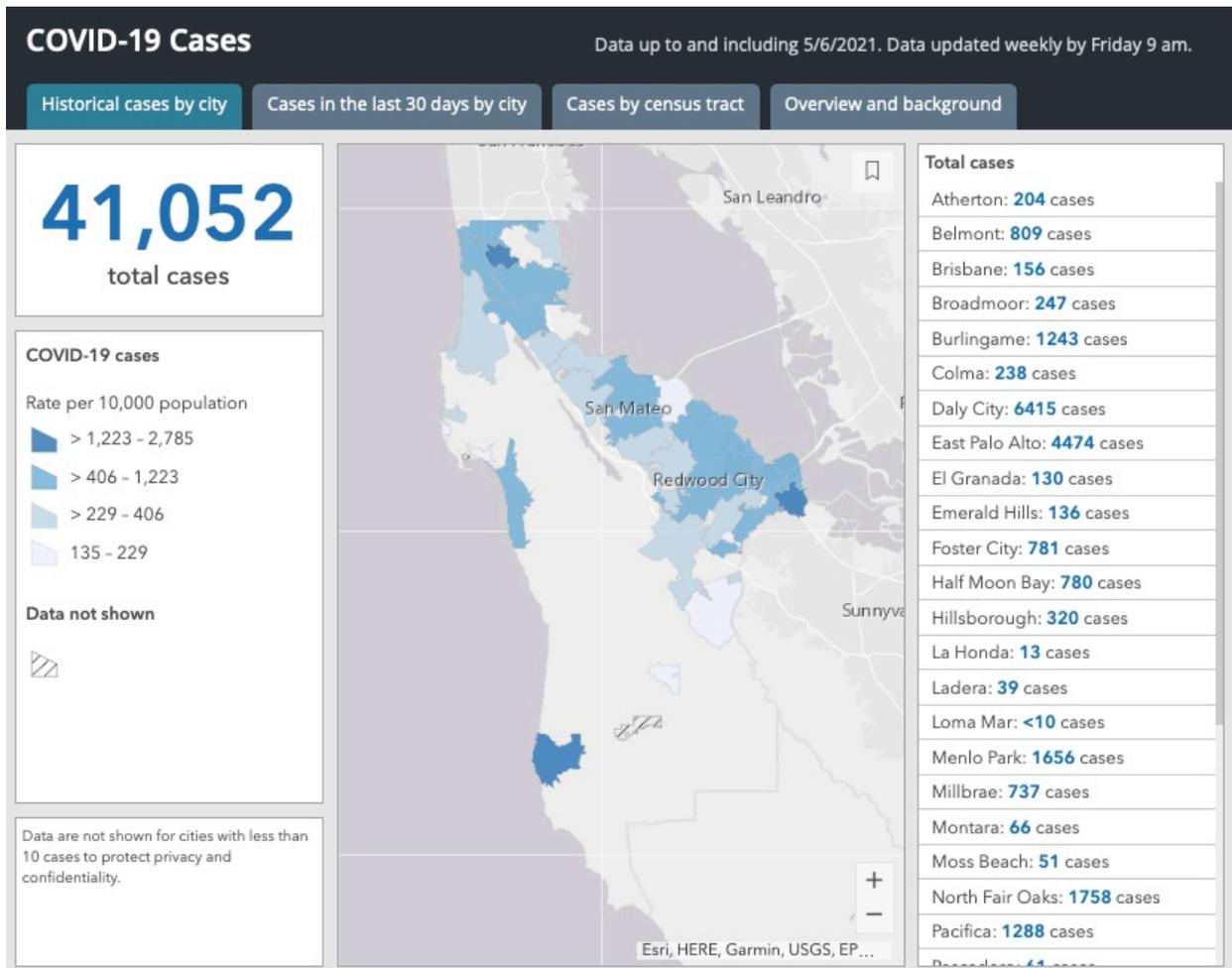
**Yellow Tier:**

- 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.

County Dashboard data is shown below.





### **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 continue to 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**

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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.