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## THURSDAY TOWN INFORMATION

Visit San Mateo County's website at [www.smcgov.org](http://www.smcgov.org) for the latest information on COVID-19 and the current health order.

Testing appointments are available at multiple locations throughout the County. [Click here](#) for more information.

### San Mateo County updates

*The Mask Mobile is coming to a neighborhood near you!*

Earlier this week, the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors welcomed the Mask Mobile to San Mateo County. The van, colorfully wrapped with mask graphics and dubbed the "Come Together San Mateo County Community Crew," is the work of the Office of Community Affairs which, on behalf of the County, will make the rounds to various cities on the Peninsula, sharing COVID-19 resources in multiple languages and distributing face coverings and cleaning supplies while supplies last.



To find a location near you, follow the Office of Community Affairs' Twitter account [@SMC\\_CommAffairs](https://twitter.com/SMC_CommAffairs). Keep a look out for the van and post your photos to social media using #MaskUpSMC.

*County releases updated pandemic recovery framework to guide school reopening*  
[Full press release](#)

On September 15th the San Mateo County Office of Education (SMCOE), San Mateo County Health, and the Coalition for Safe Schools and Communities released an updated version of the [Pandemic Recovery Framework](#) (PRF). The PRF provides school leaders with health, education, and legal guidance needed to guide their plans to reopen for in-person instruction. The updated version of the PRF reflects the State's Blueprint for a Safer Economy, as well as recent guidance from the California Department of Public Health. The PRF also includes detailed case and contact tracing guidance from San Mateo County Health.

San Mateo County Health and the California Department of Public Health have approved the waiver applications of [20 schools](#) in the County that have used the PRF to develop plans to bring students back on campus for in-person instruction.

Please check with your children's schools directly for their specific status.

*Revised opening system - State Blueprint for a Safer Economy update*

San Mateo County currently remains within the purple, or "widespread," bracket of the State's [Blueprint for a Safer Economy](#). County Health is working closely with the State to monitor data and testing statistics to determine when the County can progress towards the "substantial" bracket. Once qualified in that bracket, additional businesses will be permitted to reopen under modified services such as gyms/fitness centers, indoor service workshops, movie theaters and indoor dining.

County risk level	New cases	Positive tests
<b>WIDESPREAD</b> Many non-essential indoor business operations are closed	<b>More than 7</b> daily new cases (per 100k)	<b>More than 8%</b> Positive tests
<b>SUBSTANTIAL</b> Some non-essential indoor business operations are closed	<b>4 - 7</b> daily new cases (per 100k)	<b>5 - 8%</b> Positive tests
<b>MODERATE</b> Some indoor business operations are open with modifications	<b>1 - 3.9</b> daily new cases (per 100k)	<b>2 - 4.9%</b> Positive tests
<b>MINIMAL</b> Most indoor business operations are open with modifications	<b>Less than 1</b> daily new cases (per 100k)	<b>Less than 2%</b> Positive tests

### PG&E gas line survey work

PG&E will be conducting surveys on certain segments of existing gas pipes near **Skyline Blvd., Black Mountain Rd., Windemere Rd., Oak Rim Dr., Lakeview Dr., Berryessa Way and Crystal Springs Rd.** Some of these gas lines are located within the public right-of-way and some are located in backyard easements. These surveys are being performed as part of a process to measure cathodic protection levels as well help detect the presence of external corrosion that may exist on the exterior of the gas pipe or it's coating/wrapping. This PG&E safety project will not interrupt your gas service.



This work is being performed by PG&E's contractor, Mears Group, who will utilize a mobile survey done with handheld equipment. Crew's will walk along the chosen pipe segments taking electronic readings approximately every 10 feet (depending on the depth of pipe). In some locations a small half inch (1/2") diameter hole may need to be drilled for test probes. These holes will be filled after data is collected and verified.

To minimize interference and assure more accurate readings, the survey portion of this work (a very quiet operation) must be done between **2:00am to 5:00am** when most local transportation is down. The marking/locating, drilling, and restoration can be done during daylight hours. The work is anticipated to start on **September 30th** and will last approximately one week.

[Click here](#) to view maps of the survey locations.

There is still time to fill out the census

As of September 16th, Hillsborough holds an **83%** Census self-response rate, which ranks 2nd in San Mateo County. While the overall County response rate is considerably higher than the State and national average, almost a quarter of the County population remains unreported! Please reach out to your neighbors and friends who haven't filled out their Census information yet. If just 10% of the population is unaccounted for, San Mateo County could potentially lose **\$76,000,000** a year for 10 years that could be used to fund critical programs that support education, housing, health and transportation services in our community.



In-person follow-ups by Census representatives are currently being conducted, but residents can complete their Census at [www.my2020census.gov](http://www.my2020census.gov) before they arrive.

## Elections 2020 - What you need to know

The November 3, 2020 Presidential Election is approaching. All registered voters will be automatically mailed a ballot to their residence beginning October 5th. You may cast your ballot during the 29-day period prior to Election Day and on Election Day via a ballot drop box or by mail or vote in person. Here are some helpful tips to make sure your vote counts:



### 1. Register

- Register to vote or update your registration information at [www.registertovote.ca.gov](http://www.registertovote.ca.gov)
- Already registered? Check to make sure it is current at <https://voterstatus.sos.ca.gov>
- Last day to register to vote is October 19<sup>th</sup>.

### 2. Track your Ballot

- Ballots are mailed beginning October 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Sign up for ballot tracking at <https://california.ballottrax.net/voter>. This will let you know when your ballot is mailed, received by the County, and counted!

### 3. Drop off your Ballot

- Drop off your ballot at any voting location and participating jurisdiction office before 8 pm on Election Day and it will be counted. For vote center locations: [www.smcacre.org/vote-center-locations](http://www.smcacre.org/vote-center-locations).
- Drop your ballot in any of the County Elections Office's 24/7 outdoor ballot drop boxes. Locations include:
  - Town of Hillsborough Parking Lot (next to mailbox), 1600 Floribunda Avenue (pictured above)
  - Burlingame City Hall, 501 Primrose Road
  - Burlingame Recreation Center (near portable), 1010 Burlingame Avenue
  - Burlingame School District Office, 1825 Trousdale Drive
  - San Mateo County Elections Office, 40 Tower Road, San Mateo

### 4. Mail your Ballot

- You do not need to place any stamps on the ballot return envelope. The postage has been paid by the County Elections Office.
- Ballots must be received by the County Elections Office by 8 pm on Election Day or be postmarked on or before Election Day and received within 17 days after Election Day.

### 5. Vote in Person (Vote Early or on Election Day)

- Vote in Person at Hillsborough Town Hall, 1600 Floribunda Avenue
- Saturday, October 31st through Monday, November 2nd: 9:00am – 5:00pm
- Election Day, Tuesday, November 3rd: 7:00am – 8:00pm
- For voting in person at other locations: <https://www.smcacre.org/vote-centers-vote-person>

Questions about ballots and the voting process can be directed to the County's Election Office at by email at [registrar@smcacre.org](mailto:registrar@smcacre.org) or by phone at (650) 312-5222. Or, you may contact

## Donate food and PPE supplies to help those in need

In collaboration with Hillsborough Helping, Food Drive donation bins are still up and running at Hillsborough Town Hall (1600 Floribunda Avenue), HCSD District Office and West School to accept food and PPE supplies. Donations will be given to [Samaritan House of San Mateo](#).

Please visit Hillsborough Helping's [facebook page](#) for information on what types of food can be donated and for important updates. [Click here](#) if you are interested in volunteering.



## County COVID-19 case update

San Mateo County Health updates COVID-19 data regularly on their [data dashboard page](#). Currently, the County is working with the State to update some recent data, which is incomplete. As of September 16, 2020, there have been **9,332** confirmed COVID-19 cases in the County. As of last Friday, there are **48** confirmed cases in Hillsborough.

Thank you to Hillsborough residents for continuing to follow County guidelines for face coverings, handwashing and social distancing.

