

# San Francisco Responds to Coronavirus (COVID-19)



Joint Presentation to DAS Providers

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# Current Status as of 10am, 03/10/2020

## Number of Cases/Deaths

- Worldwide: 116,166 Cases / 4,088 Deaths (Johns Hopkins CSSE)
- US: 761 Cases / 27 Deaths (Johns Hopkins CSSE)
- SF: 13 Cases / 0 Deaths (SFDPH DOC: updated every day at 12noon)

The risk of COVID-19 for the general population in San Francisco is still considered LOW.

# What we doing about COVID-19

- January 7, 2020 CDC establishes a COVID-19 Incident Management System
- February 25<sup>th</sup>, Mayor London Breed declares local State of Emergency
- March 5<sup>th</sup>, Governor Gavin Newsom declares state-wide State of Emergency
- March 6<sup>th</sup>, San Francisco Department of Public Health announces aggressive recommendations to reduce the spread of COVID-19

# New recommendations

- 1) Vulnerable Populations: Limit Outings
- 2) Workplace and Businesses: Minimize Exposure
- 3) Large Gatherings: Cancel Non-essential Events
- 4) Schools: Safety First
- 5) Transit: Cleaning and Protection
- 6) Health Care Settings: Avoid as possible, protect the vulnerable
- 7) Everyone: Do your part

# 1) Vulnerable Populations: Limit Outings

- Vulnerable populations include people who are:
  - 60 years old and older.
  - People with certain health conditions such as heart disease, lung disease, diabetes, kidney disease and weakened immune systems
- For vulnerable populations, don't go to gatherings (of about 50 people or more) unless it is essential. If you can telecommute, you should. Avoid people who are sick.

## 2) Workplace and Businesses: Minimize Exposure

- Suspend nonessential employee travel.
- Minimize the number of employees working within arm's length of one another, including minimizing or canceling large in-person meetings and conferences.
- Urge employees to stay home when they are sick and maximize flexibility in sick leave benefits.
- Do not require a doctor's note for employees who are sick.
- Consider use of telecommuting options.
- Some people need to be at work to provide essential services of great benefit to the community. They can take steps in their workplace to minimize risk.

### 3) Large Gatherings: Cancel Non-essential Events

- Recommend cancelling or postponing large gatherings, such as concerts, sporting events, conventions or large community events.
- Do not attend any events or gatherings if sick.
- For events that aren't cancelled, we recommend:
  - Having hand washing capabilities, hand sanitizers and tissues available.
  - Frequently cleaning high touch surface areas like counter tops and hand rails.
  - Finding ways to create physical space to minimize close contact as much as possible.

## 4) Schools: Safety First

- If there is a confirmed case of COVID-19 at a school, DPH will work with the school and the district to determine the best measures including potential school closure.
- Do not go to school if sick.
- If you have a child with chronic health conditions, consult your doctor about school attendance.
- Equip all schools and classrooms with hand sanitizers and tissues.
- Recommend rescheduling or cancelling medium to large events that are not essential.
- Explore remote teaching and online options to continue learning.
- Schools should develop a plan for citywide school closures, and families should prepare for potential closures.



## 5) Transit: Cleaning and Protection

- Increase cleaning of vehicles and high touch surface areas.
- Provide hand washing/hand sanitizers and tissues in stations and on vehicles.

## 6) Health Care Settings: Avoid as possible, protect the vulnerable

- Long term care facilities must have a COVID-19 plan in accordance with DPH guidelines.
- Long term care facilities must screen all staff and visitors for illness and turn away those with symptoms.
- The general public should avoid going to medical settings such as hospitals, nursing homes and long-term care facilities, even if you are not ill.
- If you are ill, call your health care provider ahead of time, and you may be able to be served by phone.
- Do not visit emergency rooms unless it is essential.

## 7) Everyone: Do your part

The best way for all San Franciscans to reduce their risk of getting sick, as with seasonal colds or the flu, still applies to prevent COVID-19:

- Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Cover your cough or sneeze.
- Stay home if you are sick.
- Avoid touching your face.
- Try alternatives to shaking hands, like an elbow bump or wave.
- If you have recently returned from a country, state or region with ongoing COVID-19 infections, monitor your health and follow the instructions of public health officials.
- There is no recommendation to wear masks at this time to prevent yourself from getting sick.

# What are your “Continuity of Operations”?

- At home,
- In your workplace.

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### Coronavirus (COVID-19)

On March 6, 2020, the San Francisco Health Department announced **aggressive recommendations to reduce the spread of the coronavirus.**

San Francisco has confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the community.

San Francisco Department of Public Health has announced aggressive recommendations for San Francisco to reduce the spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus, including social distancing. With confirmed cases that indicate community spread, the time is now to take action to protect vulnerable populations and the community at large.

Recommendations for social distancing have a goal of reducing the occasions when large numbers of people come together and potentially are exposed to the virus that is circulating in our community. The recommendations protect the health of vulnerable populations, and ensure that essential public services, such as schools and transportation, are taking steps to protect the public.

Read more about the **current recommendations** for vulnerable populations, gatherings, schools, transit, health care settings, and more. [中文](#) | [Español](#)

### Coronavirus (COVID-19) Cases in San Francisco

Total Positive Cases: 13  
Deaths: 0  
*updated daily at 12:00 Noon*

### Helpful Links

- DPH Statement on ICA School Closure (3/8/20)
- Order Prohibiting Gatherings at City-Owned Locations (3/7/20)
- Order Prohibiting Visitors to Laguna Honda Hospital (3/6/20)
- Declaration of Local Health Emergency (3/6/20)
- Public Health Recommendations
- Coronavirus (COVID-19) Facts [中文](#) | [Pilipino](#) | [Español](#)
- Social Distancing Recommendations | FAQ
- Coronavirus FAQ
- Provider Info
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- CDC Guidance for Businesses
- Cleaning Recommendations
- Xenophobia Statement [中文](#) | [Pilipino](#) | [Español](#)
- CDC.gov
- sf72.org

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Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Information for SF Health Care Providers

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### SFDPH-Developed Guidance and Materials

- Preliminary Guidance for Long Term Care Facilities (Updated 3/7/2020)
- Clinical Guidance for COVID-19 Evaluation & Testing (3/6/2020)
- Instructions for Patients Awaiting COVID-19 Test Results (3/6/2020)

### QUICK LINKS

- Campylobacter Infection
- Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)
- Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Information for SF Health Care Providers
- Hepatitis A
- Hepatitis B
- Hepatitis C
- Influenza (Flu)
- Measles
- Meningococcal Disease
- Middle East Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus (MERS-CoV)
- Pertussis (Whooping Cough)
- Rabies
- Shigella Infection (Shigellosis)
- Viral Gastroenteritis and Norovirus
- Zika
- Vaccine Preventable Diseases

**Thank you.**

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