



# South San Francisco

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## COVID-19 UPDATE

California Governor Gavin Newsom has set a path for reopening our economy and community, with counties labeled either Purple (the worst), Red, Orange, or Yellow (the best). San Mateo County recently moved from Purple tier to the Red tier, allowing businesses to more fully open. The State has a simple to use website showing what is open in every County, at <https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy/>. Check out this resource to understand the scope of our shutdown.

The COVID-19 pandemic is dangerous and there is still no cure or vaccine. Do not become complacent. Do your part by avoiding group gatherings, maintaining social distancing of 6 feet or more, wear your mask, and stay home, especially if you have symptoms or an underlying health condition. This is a challenging time for everyone, both physically and mentally. You are not alone. You can lean on the City of South San Francisco for support and guidance through these difficult times. This newsletter will highlight some of the assistance available. Please take advantage of the range of resources that the City and our partners are offering.

Fear might bring out some of our worst instincts, but crises bring out the best in humanity as well. We are committed to providing you frequent and up to date information on COVID-19, and how to protect yourself and your family.

## Support our Local Businesses! Shop and Eat Local

Businesses have suffered due to COVID-19. Help our community by shopping or eating local. Indoor restaurant dining is now allowed, and many restaurants also have outdoor dining, especially in the downtown area. In the "Red Tier" the following is allowed:

- Retail can open up to 50% capacity
- Malls can open up to 50% capacity, and food courts can open
- Personal care services can open indoors with modifications
- Museums/zoo's can open indoors with modifications, max 25% capacity
- Restaurants, places of worship & movie theaters can open indoors at 25% capacity or 100 people, whichever is fewer
- Gyms & fitness centers can open indoors at max 10% capacity

After sheltering-in-place for months, take a special trip to a restaurant or local retail shop. Just getting out-and-about is a treat, and you will be supporting our locally owned businesses and restaurants in South San Francisco.

## Upcoming Events

### GET READY TO VOTE

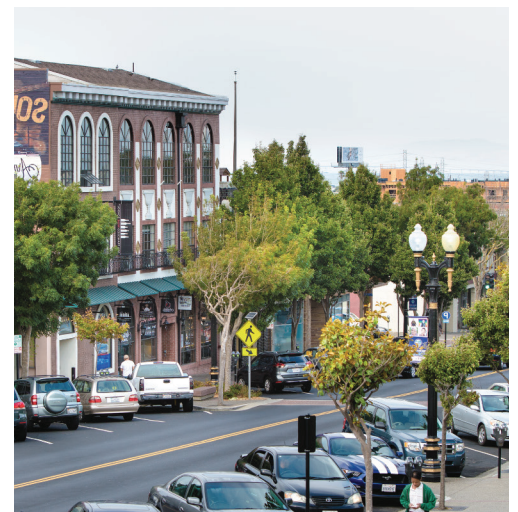
- Wednesday, October 7  
10:30 a.m. Register at:  
<http://smcacre.org/>

### HALLOWEEN DRIVE-IN MOVIE NIGHT

- Friday, October 23  
6:30 p.m. Corner of Spruce  
Ave. and El Camino Real  
Pre-Registration is required  
as spaces are limited  
[www.ssf.net/rec](http://www.ssf.net/rec)

### DIA DE MUERTOS (DAY OF THE DEAD) VIRTUAL ART GALLERY EXHIBIT

- Monday, October 26 -  
Sunday, November 22  
[www.ssf.net/culturalarts](http://www.ssf.net/culturalarts)





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## Distance Learning Support

Now that all school work is homework, we could all use help learning how to assist students who are distance learning. Visit [www.ssf.net/distancelearning](http://www.ssf.net/distancelearning) for a one-stop-shop of distance learning support resources. You can also learn how to use Zoom like a pro, get recommendations for books your child will actually want to read, enroll in virtual and in-person enrichment activities and special events, and find ways to socialize and recreate, by visiting [www.ssf.net](http://www.ssf.net).



## Renter Assistance

The City's Renter Assistance Program pays up to 1.5 months of past due rent for low income South San Francisco tenants impacted by COVID-19, up to a maximum of \$4,500 per household. A household of four people earning up to \$139,400 a year is considered low income. Anyone in need of financial assistance should contact the YMCA Community Resource Center at 650-276-4101 or 650-271-3850.



## Legal Resources

If you have been unable to pay your rent due to COVID-19, you have rights and protections which may help you stay in your home, and help you get back on your feet.

Through August 31, 2020, San Mateo County had a moratorium on the eviction of renters who were unable to pay their rent because of COVID-19. Half the unpaid rent must be repaid by February 28, 2021, and the other half by August 31, 2021.

Starting September 1, 2020, the State provides protections for renters. Renters who pay at least 25% of the rent owed for September 2020, and each month thereafter through January 2021, cannot be evicted for non-payment of rent. Renters should prioritize paying at least 25% of their rent monthly to avoid eviction. Renters must still repay past due rent, and your landlord may sue to collect it beginning March 1, 2021.

If you need assistance with these new rules, or have been issued an eviction notice, contact Legal Aid Society of San Mateo County at <https://www.legalaidsmc.org/> or (650) 558-0915, or Project Sentinel at <https://www.housing.org/covid-19> or (408) 720-9888.

## Food Assistance

If you needs assistance with food during these tough times, help is available. One program is the *School's Distance Learning Meal Program* to ensure children ages 18 and under don't go hungry. Children must be enrolled in the district to receive meals. To find a location near you and the hours of service, text 876-876 or visit <https://www.shfb.org/summermeals/>.

Another food assistance option is the *Great Plates Delivered Program* which provides three free meals a day to older adults who are at heightened risk due to COVID-19 and are unable to obtain or prepare meals on their own while sheltering in place. Learn more about Great Plates Delivered at <https://www.smchealth.org/post/great-plates-delivered-faqs>.

Other food assistance options can be found at <https://www.smcgov.org/food>. Residents needing social service assistance may call 2-1-1 for information about a wide variety of other resources in the community. More details are available on the City website [www.ssf.net](http://www.ssf.net).



## Register to Vote! And Then VOTE!

The deadline to register to vote for the November 3, 2020 election is October 19, 2020. Visit the California Secretary of State website at <https://registertovote.ca.gov/> to Register and Pre-Register (Age 16-17). You can confirm your registration on the County's Elections Division page, AND confirm receipt of your mail-in ballot at <https://www.smcacre.org/am-i-registered-vote-ballot-tracking>. You can also receive automated alerts via text message, email or phone call on the status of your Vote by Mail ballot every step of the way by subscribing to "Where's My Ballot?" <https://california.ballottrax.net/voter/>.

## Vote by Mail – It's Easy and Secure

Every registered voter in San Mateo County will be mailed a ballot, starting October 5, 2020. Voters can vote in the comfort of their home and mail their ballot in the postage-paid return envelope, or drop off their ballot in a ballot drop box or a Vote Center on or before Election Day. All ballots must be postmarked by Election Day and received no later than 3 days after Election Day.

Look for your ballot! The ballot will come in an envelope that looks similar to this:



Inside the ballot packet you will find:

- Your Official Ballot
- A postage-paid return envelope
- Voting Instructions

## Ballot Drop-Off Boxes

You can safely drop off your ballot at any Ballot Drop-off Box in San Mateo County starting October 5. In South San Francisco there is a 24-hour ballot drop box in front of City Hall on 400 Grand Avenue. There will be an outside box available during voting hours (listed above) by the parking lot entrance of the Main Library (840 W. Orange Ave). Ballots are collected daily and delivered to the San Mateo County Chief Elections Officer.



## You Can Still Vote in Person

In-person Vote Centers will open starting on October 5. Vote Centers in South San Francisco are shown below. You can go to any Vote Center to vote.

Dates Open	Where to Vote in Person	Business Hours
October 5 to October 30*	South San Francisco Main Library located at 840 W. Orange Ave	Weekdays 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
October 31 to November 2	South San Francisco Main Library located at 840 W. Orange Ave and Fernekes Recreation Building located at 781 Tennis Drive and South San Francisco Conference Center at 255 South Airport Blvd	Everyday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
November 3 (Election Day)	Forty-five Vote Centers in San Mateo County will be open, including the three in South San Francisco	7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

\* Vote Centers are closed on Indigenous Peoples' Day, Monday, October 12, 2020.

For a complete list of Voter Centers in San Mateo County, visit: <https://www.smcacre.org/vote-centers>.

## Voting Questions?

You can contact the San Mateo County Registration & Elections Division at 650.312.5222 or Email [registrar@smcacre.org](mailto:registrar@smcacre.org). The City Clerk is the Elections Official for the City of South San Francisco. The role of the City Clerk in legislative and elective processes requires neutrality and independence as key qualities in conducting the business of the Office. For more information, please call City Clerk Rosa Govea Acosta at (650) 877-8518 or visit the website at <https://www.ssf.net/government/elections>.

## South San Francisco District Elections

This is the first year of City Council district elections in South San Francisco. Votes will be cast in two of the five districts in the City – Districts 2 and 4 – to elect City Councilmembers to a four year term. To identify the district in which you live, visit <https://www.ssf.net/government/district-elections>.

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## Community Civic Campus Update

Exciting progress is happening on the Community Civic Campus! After six months of construction, the contractor for the Phase I (Police Operations Center and 911 Dispatch Center) is finished with the majority of below ground work. Soon we will see the new buildings rising from the site, with completion expected in Fall 2021!

The Community Civic Campus Phase II consists of a new, multi-story main library, a large Parks & Recreation facility, a community theatre which also doubles as the City Council chamber and a new community playground. Phase II is now out to bid and the project team anticipates bringing final approvals to City Council in November 2020, with groundbreaking shortly thereafter. Construction is expected to take 28 months, with a grand opening in Spring 2023.



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