SPECIAL NOTICE REGARDING PUBLIC ATTENDANCE AT THE MARCH 16, 2020 MEETING OF THE SAN MATEO CITY COUNCIL

On March 14, 2020, Dr. Scott Morrow, San Mateo County Health Officer, issued an order prohibiting, among other things, public gatherings of more than 50 people within the county. The order also imposes conditions on gatherings of fewer than 50 people. This order will affect the manner in which the city will conduct the March 16, 2020, city council meeting.

City staff will monitor the city council chambers and will limit attendance to 50 persons at any one time. (Other areas of city hall be available for attendees, if needed.)

The Health Officer has ordered that as a condition to conducting a gathering of 50 persons or less, the host must notify prospective attendees of information relating to the spread of COVID-19 at least 24 hours before the event. The following information is provided to satisfy this condition.

By order of the San Mateo County Health Officer all persons intending to attend the San Mateo City Council meeting of March 16, 2020, are advised that:

[1] attending the meeting will pose a heightened risk of COVID-19 transmission; and

[2] the following persons are at particularly serious risk if they contract COVID-19 and should not attend the meeting in person:
  a. Older persons (60+ years old)
  b. Persons with any of the following medical conditions
• Blood disorders (e.g., sickle cell disease or on blood thinners)

• Chronic kidney disease as defined by your doctor. Patient has been told to avoid or reduce the dose of medications because kidney disease, or is under treatment for kidney disease, including receiving dialysis

• Chronic liver disease as defined by your doctor. (e.g., cirrhosis, chronic hepatitis) Patient has been told to avoid or reduce the dose of medications because liver disease or is under treatment for liver disease.

• Compromised immune system (immunosuppression) (e.g., seeing a doctor for cancer and treatment such as chemotherapy or radiation, received an organ or bone marrow transplant, taking high doses of corticosteroids or other immunosuppressant medications, HIV or AIDS)

• Current or recent pregnancy in the last two weeks

• Endocrine disorders (e.g., diabetes mellitus)

• Metabolic disorders (such as inherited metabolic disorders and mitochondrial disorders)

• Heart disease (such as congenital heart disease, congestive heart failure and coronary artery disease)

• Lung disease including asthma or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (chronic bronchitis or emphysema) or other chronic conditions associated with impaired lung function or that require home oxygen

• Neurological and neurologic and neurodevelopment conditions [including disorders of the brain, spinal cord, peripheral nerve, and muscle such as cerebral palsy, epilepsy (seizure disorders), stroke, intellectual disability, moderate to severe developmental delay, muscular dystrophy, or spinal cord injury].

The County Health Officer’s order may be found at the following link:  https://www.smchealth.org/coronavirus