

# COVID-19 Outreach Plan: Targeting Our Hard-to Reach Communities

San Mateo County

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#### Goal

Keep residents in vulnerable communities within San Mateo County healthy and aware of all medical, food and financial resources available to help them during the COVID-19 crisis.





### **Objectives**

- Residents have access to current health information
- Access to an array of County services
- Connect businesses with access to available programs

## **Strategies**

- Send messages in primary languages
- Keep messages simple and short
- Use multiple communication channels: social media, digital and print/mailers
- Deliver information via trusted messengers
- Utilize communication channels used by partners
- Provide messages of hope, encouragement, and reassurance



### What We Want People to Know

- How to stay safe
- How to get financial and health assistance
- Where to get the latest information about health orders
- Where to learn about new programs to help the community





### **Simple But Critical Messages**

- Stay home and save lives.
- Cover your face.
- Keep 6 feet apart.
- Do not go to work if you have any signs of illness.
- Stopping the spread COVID-19 protects your loved ones.
- Get financial and health assistance: Learn more at <u>smcgov.org</u>





### Already in progress/complete

- COVID-19 Resource page on the County website: smcgov.org
- Pre-recorded tutorial of how to use the Resource Page (English/Spanish/Chinese)
- Letter and resource flyer sent to small businesses (English/Spanish)
- Training to the Community Collaboration for Children's Success Partners for North Fair Oaks (CCCS) and Race and COVID-19 Town Hall attendees
- 1-page flyer and social media infographic of the COVID-19 Resource Page (English/Spanish)
- Promote Face Mask Covering with targeting distribution among vulnerable populations



## **High Priority Activities**

- Series of social media campaigns in English and Spanish about prevention, resources and community responsibility
- Series of social media infographics in English + Spanish
- Design door hangers targeting vulnerable communities (prioritize by census tracts)
- Partner with school district to send recorded phone calls/texts in English and Spanish to residents
- Partner with school districts, libraries and cities to leverage their communications channels
- Produce a direct mail postcard targeting residents

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### **Additional Activities**

- Create a series of short digital videos to include elected officials, Council members, and community influencers
- Develop phone banking trees within our communitybased organizations







## **Ongoing Activities**

- Continue to collaborate with local organizations on outreach efforts and resource sharing (i.e. Children's Collaborative Children's Success)
- Provide elected officials and their staff with talking points, an FAQ and flyers
- Provide periodic messages to the City School District to forward to families enrolled in the District.
- Create a list serve subscription of community members (or in larger unincorporated areas)
- Develop an e-Newsletter with new information and updates
- Design a poster with a chart of resources

### **Evaluation Metrics**

- Behavior change
- Feedback from community partners
- Number of subscriptions to COVID eNewsletter
- Number of visits to smcgov.org website
- Number of hits to COVID Resource Page: <u>https://cmo.smcgov.org/covid-19-resources</u>



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