

Dear Library Community,

San Mateo County Libraries is working diligently to monitor the Coronavirus situation. The health and safety of patrons, employees, and volunteers is our top priority and our twelve libraries have implemented a number of preventive measures.

At this time, [San Mateo County Health](#) continues to report that the [CDC](#) believes that the public's risk of exposure to Coronavirus in the Bay Area is low. While information is constantly changing, we wanted to take this opportunity to share what we are currently doing in order to provide the safest environment possible.

- In response to guidelines from the County's Health Department, our libraries are canceling some public programs and will be reviewing others through the month of March. We encourage you to please check our [online event listings](#) before attending programs in case there are any changes.
- For the time being, our libraries will remain open following regularly scheduled business hours. Meetings and events scheduled by outside groups in Library meeting rooms are still taking place, unless the organizers of those events choose to cancel them. Please note that we may need to adjust our operations based on future recommendations from the County's Health Department.
- For the health of our communities, library employees, volunteers, and patrons are asked to stay home if they are ill.
- We have increased hand sanitizers and sanitary wipes at each of our libraries for staff and public use.

### Take Care of Yourselves

We encourage patrons to use their best judgement and take actions to protect themselves and their families. Remember that personal precautions continue to be an important defense in this situation. While much is still not known, the County Health Department as well as the [CDC](#) recommend practicing the same guidelines that prevent flu.

- Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If you do not have water, use alcohol-based hand sanitizers.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Don't touch your face, particularly your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Remember to use proper cough etiquette—cough or sneeze into a disposable tissue, immediately discard it, and then wash your hands or clean with hand sanitizer.
- Stop shaking hands. Consider a fist or elbow bump, or a slight bow.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and flexibility during this time. For additional information and resources, please visit [our blog post](#).



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