



CITY OF DALY CITY

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City of Daly City Statement on Seton Medical Center

“We know that *all* hospitals are playing an essential role in combating COVID-19. Seton Medical Center has already been providing vital services to residents of Daly City and beyond and we are grateful to the State for keeping Seton open during the pandemic,” said Daly City Mayor Glenn Sylvester.

Just before the pandemic, Seton was in danger of shutting down. The State of California, however, has secured a lease with Seton that will last at least three months and up to six months, with Verity Health System continuing to operate the hospital. The lease starts at \$5 million for the first month, then \$2.7 million monthly with up to \$2.3 million more per month based on average monthly bed use. Within the next three months, COVID-19 patients could occupy just under half of Seton Medical's 357 beds. Seton represents an important part of the statewide effort to increase the health system capacity to treat people with COVID-19.

Seton Medical Center is an integral part of Daly City and its importance is apparent now more than ever. Daly City is depending on Seton to treat as many COVID-19 patients as possible. Over the next few months, a total of 177 beds will be designated exclusively to COVID-19 patients.

All hospitals across the peninsula are treating COVID-19 patients. The County of San Mateo has also facilitated the use of hotels to house patients discharged from area hospitals whose need for isolation cannot be accommodated in their homes. By relocating individuals who do not require hospitalization to a different site to complete their rehabilitation, critical space is freed up in medical centers for those who require more advanced care. Hotels rooms are also being made available to first responders, medical personnel and persons experiencing homelessness, as part of highly coordinated effort.

“Thank you to our community for your understanding and compassion for the patients that will be treated at Seton. And thank you to the medical staff at Seton for working tirelessly during this time to keep us all safe,” said City Manager Shawna Maltbie.

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