



DEPARTMENT NOTICE

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Public Health Order Regarding COVID-19

Today, we face one our biggest challenges as a department and as a city.

In order to slow the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19), the City and County of San Francisco has today issued a Public Health Order requiring that residents remain in place, with the only exception being for essential needs. This Order is effective as of midnight tonight, Tuesday March 17th and is effective until April 7th, 2020, or unless it is extended.

I want to thank you for your hard work and sacrifice in addressing this crisis. Our priority is your safety, your well-being, minimizing your exposure to COVID-19 in order to protect your family, and of course, the safety of the public.

Since January 28th, our department has been issuing health guidelines, as prescribed by the San Francisco Department of Health and our own department doctor. As you know, this is a fluid, evolving situation for our city and the rest of the world. Over the course of the next several days, we will provide additional guidance on operational strategies we are taking to meet the needs of our employees and San Franciscans, while upholding our mission to provide public safety for all. You will be receiving information through your chain of command and through department notices as updates become available.

This is a stressful and uncertain time for us all. Members are reminded of the availability of resources through our peer support group with the Behavioral Sciences Unit.

San Francisco has long been known for its resilience, and we are called upon live up to our civic creed today. It's why we wear the phoenix on our shoulders, and it's why our City motto includes the phrase "gold in peace, iron in war."

We are "The City That Knows How," and as we make our way through this crisis, we will demonstrate our strength, compassion and resolve.

Thank you again for your dedication and service to the City and County of San Francisco.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "William Scott".

WILLIAM SCOTT

Chief of Police

Per DB 19-156, sworn members are required to electronically acknowledge receipt and review of this Department Notice in HRMS. Any questions or clarification regarding this policy should be made to sfpd.writtendirectives@sfgov.org who will provide additional guidance about the directive.