

## Overview

Despite the severity of the situation surrounding COVID-19 in the US, the city of San Francisco remains relatively safe. Included below are a number of factors that have helped make this possible:

## Public Policy

The city of San Francisco has taken a proactive approach to the pandemic, and has been more careful about limiting public gatherings than other areas in California.

- Shelter-in-place:
  - San Francisco and five other Bay Area counties issued a shelter-in-place order on March 16th, several days before mandated by the state of California, which shows the city's cautious approach to public safety.
- Restaurants, Bars:
  - San Francisco has not yet opened restaurants or bars for indoor services, further demonstrating the city's careful approach to the pandemic.
- As of July 13th, San Francisco is in reopening stage 2b, which allows for indoor retail and small activities, including:
  - Small outdoor gatherings, including religious services and ceremonies.
  - Outdoor fitness with social distancing.
  - Professional sports and other entertainment for broadcast but with no in-person spectators, under approved plans.
- The complete plan for reopening can be found [here](#).

## Geographic Isolation

The five most affected counties in California are Los Angeles, Riverside, Orange, San Diego, and San Bernadino- all of which are located in Southern California. **San Francisco is located 559km, or 347 miles north of Los Angeles.**



San Francisco is located on a peninsula, which limits travel in and out of the city from more seriously impacted areas.

- In the San Francisco Bay Area, COVID-19 cases are currently on the rise in Marin, Napa, and Alameda counties. All three of these areas are separated from San Francisco by the San Francisco Bay. Travel to San Francisco from any of these counties requires traveling across the Golden Gate or Bay bridges, limiting travel in and out of the city.



## Total Number of Cases

- As of July 9th, there have been 4145 total cases reported in San Francisco. 171,964 total tests have been administered.
- As of 2020, the total population of San Francisco is 3,314,000.
- According to the above data, **only 0.13% of the city's total population has contracted the virus.**
- Despite being the 4th most populous city in California, San Francisco is **16th in terms of total COVID-19 cases.**

## Death Rate

- As of July 9th, there have been 50 confirmed deaths in San Francisco- **roughly 1.2% of confirmed cases.**
- Of these, 45 of these suffered from one or more underlying conditions.
- 29 of these were citizens aged 81+.
- San Francisco is currently **18th in terms of deaths in California.**

## Conclusion

- Until a vaccine is developed, there will be an inherent risk involved in any in-person interaction or instruction.
- However, San Francisco has largely succeeded in its efforts to contain the spread of COVID-19.
- SFCM continues to keep the health and safety of its community as a top priority. In addition to our own efforts to mitigate risk, we feel confident that the city of San Francisco's handling of COVID-19 is sufficient to continue with our plan for the 2020-20201 academic year.

## Resources

- <https://www.sfdph.org/dph/alerts/coronavirus.asp>
- <https://sf.gov/stay-home-except-essential-needs>
- <https://sf.gov/step-by-step/reopening-san-francisco>
- <https://abc7news.com/california-counties-on-watch-list-ca-county-monitoring-23/6265270/>
- <https://www.macrotrends.net/cities/23130/san-francisco/population>
- <https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/us/california-coronavirus-cases.html>
- <https://worldpopulationreview.com/states/cities/california>