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TO: Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors  
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**SUBJECT: Board Referral Related to the Strangulation Program**

Under advisement from the Board of Supervisors meeting of May 4, 2021, the Board requested that the District Attorney's Office (DAO) provide a timeline of when strangulation response and prevention services will be available throughout the County.

According to Health & Hospital staff, the Adult/Adolescent SAFE team will continue to perform examinations at Santa Clara Valley Medical Center, now for all County law enforcement agencies. A phased expansion will be required to ensure the same medical screening and SAFE medical evidentiary exam can be provided at each of the SAFE response locations. A plan for the phased expansion, which will include pediatric strangulation response and prevention services, is under development and is expected to be completed in late 2021. The plan will be subject to revision, depending on final implementation of SAFE expansion projects.

Staff suggests that a follow-up report be provided during the general SAFE Program update for the Health and Hospital Committee in December 2021.

c: Chief Board Aides  
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