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First COVID-19 Related Death Reported in Kings County

The Kings County Department of Public Health (KCDPH) has received confirmation of the first Novel Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) associated death in Kings County. The patient's exposure is still under investigation at this time. The individual was over 65 years of age. This case also signifies the tenth confirmed case in Kings County.

“The County is deeply saddened by this loss to COVID-19, and extends our condolences to the family for their loss,” says Edward Hill, Director of Kings County Department of Public Health. “This is a tragic reminder of how serious COVID-19 can be and we encourage all residents to stay at home and practice social distancing when going out for essential services.”

KCDPH has determined the case origins of the existing cases to be:

Travel Related	Close Contact with Diagnosed Case	Community Transmission	Unknown/ Under Investigation
2	6	1	1

KCDPH is currently conducting communicable disease investigations to identify any persons who may have had close personal contact with these individuals, including any friends, family members, or health care professionals, to assess and monitor them for signs and symptoms of illness. Due to privacy laws, no specific information regarding any of the ten cases can be shared with the public.

Kings County residents are encouraged to continue following the recommendations from the California Department of Public Health, the Centers of Disease Control, and the KCDPH to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in Kings County and protect themselves and others from respiratory illnesses:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unclean hands.
- Stay in your home as much as possible. The only exceptions should be for getting food and/or necessary household supplies, medications and medical treatments.
- Wear a face mask or covering, and practice social distancing of at least six feet if it is necessary to leave your home.
- Limit close contact, like kissing and sharing cups or utensils, with people who are sick.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, or your elbow.

Visit www.kingscovidinfo.com for current information and guidance.