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Kings County COVID-19 Updates

Health Officials Confirm 26 Additional Resident Cases

HANFORD, CA - The Kings County Department of Public Health (KCDPH) has confirmed 26 additional cases of a resident being diagnosed with the Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). KCDPH has determined that 12 new cases contracted the disease through close contact with a confirmed case. The exposure of the 14 additional cases is still under investigation. Four cases are being treated in isolation and all other cases have been quarantined. KCDPH has also identified three previously identified cases who have fully recovered from the disease.

The below list depicts the current situation in Kings County:

- Total Cases: 198
 - 3 (Travel Related)
 - 138 (Close Contact)
 - 10 (Community Transmission)
 - 47 (Under Investigation)
- Total Deaths: 1
- Recovered: 28

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 198 cases can be shared with the public.

Community Testing Site

As can be expected with such a massive effort and coordinated roll-out, the opening of the testing site in Kings County, which is being stood up through a partnership between the State of California and OptumServe, has been delayed. The Kings County testing site is one of 80 throughout the state that were scheduled to open today. Due to problems with the scheduling website and lack of adequate staff KCDPH has requested that the opening be delayed until the State and OptumServe have solved these issues. KCDPH would like to remind residents that they can still be tested through their primary care provider if they are experiencing symptoms and/or have been in contact with a confirmed case. Please contact your primary care provider for guidance and instructions for testing.

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.