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Third COVID-19 Related Death Reported in Kings County

The Kings County Department of Public Health (KCDPH) has received confirmation of the third Novel Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) associated death in Kings County. The patient's exposure was determined to be from close contact with a confirmed case. The individual was over 65 years of age.

“The County extends our deepest sympathies to the loved ones during this time of loss” says Edward Hill, Director of Kings County Department of Public Health. “Now more than ever, each of us must do our part to limit the spread of this virus.”

KCDPH has confirmed 11 additional cases of a resident being diagnosed with the Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). Three of the new cases contracted the disease through close contact with a confirmed case. The exposure of the remaining eight new cases is still under investigation. Of the total active cases, 12 are being treated in isolation, and all other cases have been quarantined. KCDPH has also identified 55 previously identified cases that have fully recovered from the disease.

The below list depicts the current situation in Kings County:

- Total Cases: 698
 - 3 (Travel Related)
 - 441 (Close Contact)
 - 51 (Community Transmission)
 - 203 (Under Investigation)
- Total Deaths: 3
- Recovered: 239

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 698 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.