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Twentieth COVID-19 Related Death Reported in Kings County

HANFORD, CA – The Kings County Department of Public Health (KCDPH) has received confirmation of the twentieth Novel Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) associated death in Kings County. The exposure of the patient was determined to be from close contact with a confirmed case. This individual was between the age of 18 and 49 years old.

“As our death toll continues to rise, we stress the importance of taking all precautions to limit the spread of the disease,” stated Edward Hill, Director of the Kings County Department of Public Health. “Every life lost to COVID-19 impacts our community and we extend our condolences to the family of the deceased during this difficult time.”

The Kings County Department of Public Health (KCDPH) has confirmed 28 additional cases of a resident being diagnosed with COVID-19. Of the 28 new cases, none of the cases are associated with the State Operated Correctional Facilities in Kings County. KCDPH has determined that six of the new cases contracted the disease through close contact with a confirmed case. The exposure of the additional 22 remaining new cases is still under investigation. Of the total active cases, there are 29 cases being treated in isolation, and all other cases have been quarantined. KCDPH has also identified 21 previously identified cases that have fully recovered from the disease.

The below list depicts the current situation in Kings County:

- Total Kings County (non-correctional) Cases: 942
- Total Cases Associated to Skilled Nursing Facilities in Kings County: 115
- Total Cases Associated to State Operated Correctional Facilities in Kings County: 1,129
- Contact Tracing
 - 5 (Travel Related)
 - 1,706 (Close Contact)
 - 171 (Community Transmission)
 - 304 (Under Investigation)

- Total Deaths: 20
- Recovered: 1,324

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 2,186 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.
- 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.