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COVID-19 Related Death Reported in Kings County

HANFORD, CA – The Kings County Department of Public Health (KCDPH) has received confirmation of the 22nd Novel Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) associated death in Kings County. The exposure of the patient is still under investigation. This individual was between the age of 50 and 64 years old.

“We are sad to report the 22nd COVID-19 related death in Kings County. We extend our heartfelt condolences to the friends and family of this individual,” stated Edward Hill, Director of the Kings County Department of Public Health. “As Kings County continues to experience an increase in positive cases, we want to remind the community to take steps to protect themselves and loved ones.”

The KCDPH confirmed 20 additional cases of a resident being diagnosed with COVID-19. Of the 20 new cases, none of the cases are associated with the State Operated Correctional Facilities in Kings County. KCDPH has determined that ten of the new cases contracted the disease through close contact with a confirmed case. The exposure of the additional ten remaining new cases is still under investigation. Of the total active cases, there are 33 cases being treated in isolation, and all other cases have been quarantined.

The below list depicts the current situation in Kings County:

- Total Kings County (non-correctional) Cases: 1,058
- Total Cases Associated to Skilled Nursing Facilities in Kings County: 128
- Total Cases Associated to State Operated Correctional Facilities in Kings County: 1,132
- Contact Tracing
 - 5 (Travel Related)
 - 1,799 (Close Contact)
 - 195 (Community Transmission)
 - 319 (Under Investigation)
- Total Deaths: 22

- Recovered: 1,418

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 2,318 cases can be shared with the public.

In regards to the system-wide outage of the California Reportable Disease Information Exchange (CalREDIE) system that occurred on June 26, 2020, KCDPH has not received additional positive COVID-19 cases that we're reported during the outage. We will continue to update the public as information becomes available.

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.