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### **Health Officials Confirm 130 Additional Resident Cases of COVID-19**

HANFORD, CA - The Kings County Department of Public Health (KCDPH) has confirmed 130 additional cases of Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in the County. Of the new cases, 115 are inmates at Avenal State Prison (ASP). The drastic increase in positive cases in the prison is due to extensive testing that is currently being carried out through a partnership between KCDPH, ASP, the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) and the California Department of Public Health (CDPH).

“Our number one priority is the health and safety of all those who live and work in our state prisons,” CDCR Press Secretary Dana Simas said. “Avenal State Prison is currently testing as many inmates and staff as possible with assistance of the Kings County Public Health team and resources from the CDCR and California Correctional Health Care Services (CCHCS) COVID-19 response teams. We are following isolation and quarantine guidance from public health experts to help curtail the potential spread of the virus. Health care staff conduct screenings multiple times daily to quickly identify anyone with new symptoms.”

KCDPH has determined that 115 out of the 130 new cases contracted the disease through close contact with a confirmed case. The exposure of the remaining 15 new cases is still under investigation. Of the total active cases, 12 are being treated in isolation, and all other cases have been quarantined.

The below list depicts the current situation in Kings County:

- Total Cases: 647
  - 3 (Travel Related)
  - 403 (Close Contact)
  - 51 (Community Transmission)
  - 190 (Under Investigation)
- Total Deaths: 2
- Recovered: 184

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 647 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](http://www.kingscovidinfo.com) for current information and guidance.