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### **Fifth COVID-19 Related Death Reported in Kings County**

The Kings County Department of Public Health (KCDPH) has received confirmation of the fifth 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 between the ages of 50-64 years old.

“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. “COVID-19 impacts people of all ages and reminds us of how diligent we need to remain and the steps we need to continue to slow the spread of disease. We continue to urge people to practice physical distancing, stay away from those who are ill, and wear face coverings.”

The Kings County Department of Public Health (KCDPH) has confirmed 376 additional cases of a resident being diagnosed with the Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). Of the 376 new cases, 373 of them are associated with the State Operated Correctional Facilities in Kings County. KCDPH has determined that 373 of the new cases contracted the disease through close contact with a confirmed case. The exposure of the additional three remaining new cases is still under investigation. Of the total active cases, 15 are being treated in isolation, and all other cases have been quarantined. KCDPH has also identified 10 previously identified cases that have fully recovered from the disease.

The below list depicts the current situation in Kings County:

- Total Kings County Cases (non-correctional) : 503
- Total Cases Associated to State Operated Correctional Facilities in Kings County: 619
  - 3 (Travel Related)
  - 875 (Close Contact)
  - 71 (Community Transmission)
  - 173 (Under Investigation)
- Total Deaths: 5
- Recovered: 304

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 1,122 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.