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Two Additional COVID-19 Related Deaths Reported in Kings County

HANFORD, CA – The Kings County Department of Public Health (KCDPH) has received confirmation of two additional Novel Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) associated deaths in Kings County. The exposure of both patients was determined to be from close contact with a confirmed case. These individuals were over the age of 65 years old.

“It is with great sadness and regret that we are reporting two additional fatalities associated with COVID-19,” Edward Hill, Director of Kings County Department of Public Health. “We would like to remind the community that this is the reason why we continue emphasize the protection of the vulnerable, the elderly, as well as all Kings County residents by washing your hands, social distancing, and wearing a face covering.”

The Kings County Department of Public Health (KCDPH) has confirmed 26 additional cases of a resident being diagnosed with the Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). Of the 26 new cases, one of them is associated with the State Operated Correctional Facilities in Kings County. KCDPH has determined that seven of the new cases contracted the disease through close contact with a confirmed case. The exposure of the additional 19 remaining new cases is still under investigation. Of the total active cases, 27 are being treated in isolation, and all other cases have been quarantined. KCDPH has also identified 15 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: 831
- Total Cases Associated to State Operated Correctional Facilities in Kings County: 1,000
- Contact Tracing
 - 5 (Travel Related)
 - 1,429 (Close Contact)
 - 116 (Community Transmission)
 - 281 (Under Investigation)

- Total Deaths: 8
- Recovered: 664

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 1,831 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.