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## **Five Additional COVID-19 Related Deaths Reported in Kings County**

HANFORD, CA – The Kings County Department of Public Health (KCDPH) has received confirmation of five additional Novel Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) associated deaths in Kings County. The exposure of four of the patients is determined to be close contact to a confirmed case. The exposure of the additional patient is still under investigation. All five individuals were over the age of 65 years old.

“We are so sorry to announce five more deaths in our community from COVID-19,” stated Edward Hill, Director of the Kings County Department of Public Health. “Our sincerest sympathies are with the families affected during this sad time. We continue to recommend that the community stay safe and alert to protect themselves and their families.”

The KCDPH confirmed 44 additional cases of a resident being diagnosed with COVID-19. Of the 44 new cases, six of the cases are 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 37 remaining new cases is still under investigation. Of the total active cases, there are 31 cases being treated in isolation, and all other cases have been quarantined. KCDPH has also identified 74 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: 1,128
- Total Cases Associated to Skilled Nursing Facilities in Kings County: 128
- Total Cases Associated to State Operated Correctional Facilities in Kings County: 1,138
- Contact Tracing
  - 5 (Travel Related)
  - 1,833 (Close Contact)
  - 203 (Community Transmission)

- 353 (Under Investigation)
- Total Deaths: 29
- Recovered: 1,492

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 2,394 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](http://www.kingscovidinfo.com) for current information and guidance.