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Second Confirmed Case of COVID-19 in Yolo County

(Woodland, CA) – Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) has received confirmation that a second Yolo County resident has tested positive for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19).

The individual is an adult over 60 years old and acquired the infection through travel. This is not a community-acquired case. To protect patient privacy, personal health information that is covered under HIPPA, such as geographic location and gender, will not be shared.

Yolo County's Public Health Department recently made strong recommendations that all community organizations, schools, religious organizations, and other entities and event planners cancel any non-essential large gatherings or events starting on March 9 through March 31 to help create social distancing and lower community spread.

“Since we know that COVID-19 is in our community, we need to focus on slowing the spread of infection and continuing to practice measures such as good handwashing and staying home if you're sick,” said Yolo County Deputy Public Health Officer Dr. Mary Ann Limbos. “It is extremely important that we follow the recommendations to cancel all non-essential large gatherings and those gatherings of smaller groups to have social distancing of about 6 feet. We understand that these recommendations are disruptive but they are essential to slowing the spread of COVID-19 in our community, protecting those who are most vulnerable to severe illness, and allowing our health system to continue to care for severely ill patients.”

The CDC recommends individuals and families follow everyday preventive measures to limit the spread of respiratory diseases such as COVID-19:

- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue, then throw it in the trash can.
- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds; especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with 60% to 95% alcohol.
- Routinely clean frequently touched surfaces and objects.

“The occurrence of a second confirmed case in Yolo County heightens the need to incorporate the appropriate public health protocols into their daily lives and practice good hygiene to prevent the further spread of this disease,” said Yolo County Board of Supervisors Chair Gary Sandy. “Please be mindful that even if you are not in one of the high-risk groups you could be a carrier of the virus and potentially jeopardize others.”

Yolo County has established a dedicated voicemail for public inquiries about Coronavirus at (530) 666-8614. Find more information at the County’s novel coronavirus page at: www.yolocounty.org/coronavirus or guidance page at: www.yolocounty.org/coronavirus-guidance.

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