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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Tehama County has Sixth Confirmed COVID-19 Case

The evening of June 1, 2020, Tehama County Health Services Agency-Public Health received lab confirmation of its sixth case of Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in Tehama County.

The individual who tested positive for COVID-19 is a female in her 60s.

Tehama County Health Services Agency takes confidentiality very seriously and at this time we are not releasing any further information about the individual. Tehama County has a small population and it is our priority to maintain privacy and adhere to the Healthcare Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).

As of today we have:

- 6 confirmed positives (3 active, 2 recovered, 1 deceased)
- 1,737 confirmed negatives

Tehama County Health Officer, Dr. Richard Wickenheiser, and the Public Health COVID-19 Response Team are actively working to identify others at risk and will issue quarantine orders as necessary. Exposed residents identified during the investigation will be contacted by a member of the Public Health COVID-19 Response Team.

Individuals, communities, and organizations are essential to controlling the spread of COVID-19 in Tehama County. Follow precautions and get tested to keep you and the community safer and healthier.

As parts of the community reopening, social distancing and hygiene remain important steps to limiting and slowing the spread of COVID-19. COVID-19 is thought to spread person-to-person by close contact (within 6 feet) and by coughing or sneezing. Other possible routes of transmission may include touching surfaces contaminated by the virus. Some people without symptoms may be able to spread the virus. With no vaccine currently available, the best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus by:

WASH YOUR HANDS (soap and water for 20 seconds)

- STAY IN PLACE (follow the Stay Home Executive Order)
- MAINTAIN YOUR SPACE (maintain 6 feet of social distancing)
- COVER YOUR FACE (cloth masks are appropriate for the public)

Testing is one of the most important tools we have to protect our community from COVID-19 so we ask the community to please go and get tested even if you don't have symptoms. The most recent cases in Tehama County suggest community transmission from individuals that didn't have any symptoms or also known as asymptomatic. Community testing allows the identification of asymptomatic individuals and a faster response by the Public Health COVID-19 Response Team to isolate and reduce the disease spread. Having more of our community tested allows us to track and stop the spread of COVID-19 in Tehama County and further movement in reopening for more services. The approval to reopen businesses was granted in part on our ability to increase testing within our county. Schedule your appointment online: <https://lhi.care/covidtesting>.

We all have a role to play and we're all in this together. We urge our community to exercise personal responsibility to protect public health.

For more information on COVID-19 call 211 or visit the following websites:

www.cdc.gov

www.tehamacohealthservices.net

www.cdph.gov/covid19

www.covid19.ca.gov