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Amador COVID-19 Update

Amador County, CA – Amador County Public Health confirms an additional five COVID-19 cases and 4 additional deaths since Tuesday's COVID-19 update. One of the deaths reported was a prison inmate and will not be included in the total COVID-19 deaths for Amador County. The individuals who passed were in their 60s, 70s and 80s with underlying health conditions placing them at higher risk for complications from COVID-19.

In Amador, the virus continues to spread by family transmission, congregate living transmission, and community transmission. One of the new cases resides in Lone, 1 lives in Pine Grove, and 3 reside in Pioneer. The new cases include 4 females and 1 male, 1 in a child under the age of 18, 3 age 18-49, and 1 age 50-64. These cases include outbreaks within skilled nursing and long term care facilities. Four cases are currently hospitalized locally.

Total cases in Amador to date = 221 cases.

Total hospitalized in Amador County = 4 cases.

Total hospitalized out-of-county = 0 case.

Total confirmed COVID-19 deaths = 14 deaths.

Total active cases = 31 cases.

Total cases released from isolation to date = 176 cases. Cases are released from isolation when they are no longer infectious.

No-cost testing for COVID-19 is available to anyone over the age of 18 that would like to get tested. Verily testing site appointments, for Jackson, Kirkwood, or Placerville, may be scheduled online via their website: <https://www.projectbaseline.com/study/covid-19/>

The lag in testing time turn around has improved. Many Verily test results are now returning in under a week. Visit the verily website to view available days and times. The Amador County Public Health Testing Helpline is available locally to assist with appointment registration and to answer COVID-19 testing questions: (209) 223-6676.

The primary prevention message to promote continues to be practice consistent precautions. Every day actions include practicing 6-foot physical distancing and wearing masks or face coverings. Gathering should be avoided. Vulnerable, high risk individuals are encouraged to stay home as much as possible. This includes persons over age 65 and those with chronic health conditions that put them at higher risk for severe COVID-19. All should avoid mixing with others outside your household. Avoid unnecessary travel. Stay home if you are sick. Stay home if you have symptoms and are awaiting test results.

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