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Amador COVID-19 Update

Amador County, CA – Amador County Public Health confirms an additional three COVID-19 cases and 1 additional death since Friday's COVID-19 update. The individual who passed was a resident of Jackson in their 80s with underlying conditions placing them at increased risk for COVID-19 complications.

To date, Amador County remains in Tier 1 – purple according to California's <u>Blueprint for a Safer Economy</u> framework released on August 28, 2020. Yesterday, August 31, 2020, under this <u>new framework</u> hair salons and barbershops were able to re-open indoor business operations with modifications. Hair Salon and Barbershop Guidance is available on the state website: https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-hair-salons--en.pdf

Activity restriction by county may be viewed on state's Blueprint for a Safer Economy website:

https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy/

Amador is still in process of establishing COVID-19 stability and therefore remains in the purple tier. Amador County Public Health will continue to monitor new case and testing positivity rates. COVID-19 activity will need to remain stable to move into less restrictive tiers.

The current active cases are linked to travel, family, and community transmission. Of the additional cases, one resides in Ione, 1 lives in Pine Grove, and another resides in Sutter Creek. The new cases include 3 females, 2 age 18-49 and 1 over the age of 65. Contact tracing, isolation, and quarantine of close contacts continues with each new case. Two cases are currently hospitalized.

Total cases in Amador to date = 237 cases.

Total hospitalized in Amador County = 3 cases.

Total confirmed COVID-19 deaths = 15 deaths.

Total active cases = 12 cases.

Total cases released from isolation to date = 210 cases. Cases are released from isolation when they are no longer infectious.

The key strategy for Amador to remain stable, allowing more business sectors to open, is to practice consistent precautions in our community; including 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.