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Amador COVID-19 Update

Amador County, CA – Amador County Public Health confirms five new cases of COVID-19 in Amador since last Tuesday's update. The new cases include 2 males and 3 females, 3 aged 18-49, 1 aged 50-64, 1 over 65 years of age, 2 residing in lone, 2 living in Pioneer, and 1 in Plymouth.

This week Amador remains in the Red Tier on <u>California's Blueprint for a Safer Economy</u> tier structure. The tier classifications with sectors operations are posted on the state website: <u>Blueprint Tier Chart</u>. Guidance for each sector may be found on the state <u>Industry Guidance to Reduce Risk</u> website. If Amador continues to demonstrate COVID-19 stability the county will be allowed to advance to the less restrictive orange tier in one week, next Tuesday, September 29, 2020.

Practicing personal prevention measures are important and will contribute to Amador's tier movement. Avoid mixing with others outside your household. Individuals can be contagious before symptoms of COVID-19 are present. Maintain 6-foot physical distance and wear a face covering. Persons over age 65 and those with chronic health conditions that put them at higher risk for severe COVID-19 are encouraged to stay home as much as possible. Avoid unnecessary travel. Stay home if you are sick even with mild symptoms.

Over the last few weeks, air quality concerns led to the intermittent closure of drive-through test site locations in Amador and surrounding counties. Indoor testing locations continue to be available both in Amador and within the neighboring counties of Calaveras, El Dorado, Sacramento, and San Joaquin. To view test site options, please visit the Where Can I Get Tested? webpage. Assistance scheduling an appointment is available. Call the Amador Testing Helpline: (209) 223-6676.

Total cases in Amador to date = 252 cases.

Total hospitalized in Amador County = 0 cases.

Total confirmed COVID-19 deaths = 15 deaths.

Total active cases = 10 cases.

Total cases released from isolation to date = 227 cases. Cases are released from isolation when they are no longer infectious.

Amador County is also entering flu season. A free drive-through community flu clinic will be held on October 24, 2020 from 10 am to 2 pm at the Church of the Nazarene located at 14050 Ridge Road in Sutter Creek. Flu vaccination is recommended for all community members over the age of 6 months.