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Amador COVID-19 Update: Orange Tier Status Continues

Amador County, CA – Amador County Public Health confirms six new cases of COVID-19 in Amador since last Tuesday's update. The new cases include 2 males and 4 females, 1 child under the age of 18, 3 aged 50-64, 2 over 65 years of age, 1 residing in Ione, 1 living in Jackson, 3 in Sutter Creek, and 1 in Plymouth/surrounding areas.

Amador remains in the Orange Tier on <u>California's Blueprint for a Safer Economy</u> tier structure. Continuing to be vigilant about local prevention measures will reduce the risk of Amador moving back to more restrictive tiers. The state of California released small group gathering guidance that may be referenced on the state website: <u>Guidance for Private Gatherings</u>. Strategies include avoiding gathering in large groups -- especially where physical distancing is not practiced and face coverings are not being worn.

The tier classifications with sector operations are posted on the state website: <u>Blueprint Tier Chart</u>. Guidance for each type of business may be found on the state <u>Industry Guidance to Reduce Risk</u> website

This flu season it is important to remember that immunization is the best prevention against the flu. A <u>free</u> drive-through flu clinic will be held on October 24th, 2020 from 10 am to 2 pm at the Church of the Nazarene located at 14050 Ridge Road in Sutter Creek. Both flu shots and FluMist will be available. High dose flu vaccine will not be available at the free clinic, but may be found at many local health care providers and pharmacies.

This year flu season will be complicated by COVID-19. It will be key to continue to maintain 6-foot physical distance and wear a face covering. Avoid mixing with others outside your household. Individuals can be contagious before symptoms of COVID-19 are present. 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.

Total cases in Amador to date = 270 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 = 245 cases. Cases are released from isolation when they are no longer infectious.