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Amador COVID-19 Update

Amador County, CA – Amador County Public Health confirms twenty five new cases of COVID-19 in Amador since last Tuesday's update. The new cases include 14 males and 11 females, 1 child under the age of 18, 11 aged 18-49, 5 aged 50-64, 8 over 65 years of age; 13 residing in Ione, 6 living in Jackson, 3 living in Pine Grove, 1 in Plymouth, and 2 residing in Sutter Creek/Amador City. These additional cases are linked to family case clusters, gatherings, out-of-state travel and community transmission. COVID-19 can be a serious disease as 10-15% require hospitalization and it may result in death.

Although Amador remains in the orange tier this week on <u>California's Blueprint for a Safer Economy</u>, current trends are showing the county is likely to move towards a more restrictive tier in the coming weeks. Businesses may reference the state's <u>Activity and Business Tiers</u> to view restrictions within each tier designation.

COVID-19 testing is available in Amador County and within driving distance in neighboring counties. To access no-cost COVID-19 testing in Jackson, register at www.projectbaseline.com for an appointment. Assistance scheduling an appointment is available by calling the Amador Testing Helpline at (209) 223-6676.

It is important that the Amador community consistently practices prevention measures that help limit the spread of COVID-19. Avoid gatherings, especially where people are not keeping distance or wearing face coverings. Avoid mixing with others outside your household. Individuals may be contagious before symptoms of COVID-19 are present. Outdoors is safer than indoors. 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. If you have been directed to isolate or quarantine, please follow all instructions.

Total cases in Amador to date = 326 cases.

Total hospitalized = 1 out-of-county resident.

Total confirmed COVID-19 deaths = 15 deaths.

Total active cases = 31 cases.

Total cases released from isolation to date = 280 cases. Cases are released from isolation when they are no longer infectious.