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Amador COVID-19 Update

Amador County, CA – Amador County Public Health confirms forty-nine new cases of COVID-19 in Amador since last Tuesday's update. The new cases include 28 males and 21 females, 2 children under the age of 18, 27 aged 18-49, 9 aged 50-64, 11 over 65 years of age; 11 residing in Ione, 15 living in Jackson, 1 living in Pine Grove, 4 in Pioneer, 6 in Plymouth/surrounding areas, 11 residing in Sutter Creek/Amador City, and 1 in Volcano. These cases are linked to transmission among family/household transmission, travel, small gatherings, community transmission, and several congregate setting outbreaks.

While Amador remains in the red tier on <u>California's Blueprint for a Safer Economy</u> the county would move into the purple more restrictive tier if the local case rate increases. The state assigns <u>tier status</u> looking at one week of case episodes and this data reflects a 7-day lag. The statewide trend reflects an increase in COVID-19 cases, along with concern regarding hospital capacity. The state may take more decisive action that would affect the entire state as whole, rather than relying solely on tier assignment.

Multiple testing locations are within driving distance. Visit the Amador County Where Can I Get Tested website to view testing options for Amador residents. Our community should keep in mind that a negative test only tells you what is in your body that day, not days later when you may travel or visit other family members. Travel may increase your chance of getting and spreading COVID-19.

As cases increase and hospital capacity concerns increase statewide, precautions and prevention measures are more important than ever. Individual actions affect our whole community. Practice consistent prevention measures to help limit the spread of COVID-19: wear face coverings, practice social distancing, and ensure frequent hand hygiene. 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 = 494 cases.

Total hospitalized = 8 cases (4 locally and 4 out-of-county)

Total confirmed COVID-19 deaths = 15 deaths.

Total active cases = 64 cases.

Total cases released from isolation to date = 415 cases. Cases are released from isolation when they are no longer infectious.