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## **Amador COVID-19 Update**

Amador County, CA – Amador County Public Health confirms one hundred and seventy-four new cases of COVID-19 and 3 deaths due to COVID-19 since last Tuesday's update. The individuals who passed were 1 male in his 70s and 2 females, 1 in her 80s and 1 in her 90s. The new cases include 73 males and 101 females, 17 children under the age of 18, 87 aged 18-49, 38 aged 50-64, 32 over 65 years of age; 52 residing in lone, 47 living in Jackson, 18 living in Pine Grove, 12 in Pioneer, 14 in Plymouth/surrounding areas, 30 residing in Sutter Creek/Amador City, and 1 in Volcano. Twenty cases, including MCSP inmates, are currently hospitalized.

Last week, the first doses of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine arrived in Amador County. Sutter Amador Hospital received vials and immediately began vaccinating front-line health care workers. The initial supply is very limited. Amador County is following the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and California Department of Public Health (CDPH) vaccine plans to vaccinate priority populations first. The vaccine will be administered in phases according to risk. Visit California's Vaccinate All 58 website for more details. As more vaccine becomes available, additional priority groups will be notified and offered the vaccine as Amador moves through the phases and tiers of the allocation guidelines.

The Regional Stay-at-Home Order, which includes Amador County, remains in effect. It was activated 11:59 PM Thursday, December 10, 2020, and will remain in effect for a minimum of 3 weeks from that date. Intensive Care Unit (ICU) capacity will be reassessed on a weekly basis at that time. More information on the order and regional ICU capacity is updated daily on the state website: <a href="About COVID-19 Restrictions">About COVID-19 Restrictions</a>.

New cases and hospital admissions continue to climb. As we head into the <u>winter holidays</u>, Amador Public Health urges the community to stay home as much as possible. Everyone is at risk for COVID-19. Older adults and individuals with underlying medical conditions are at increased risk for severe illness and death. Practice consistent prevention measures to help limit the spread of COVID-19: wear face coverings, practice social distancing, and ensure frequent hand hygiene. Avoid gathering with others outside your own household. 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. Stay home if you are sick even with mild symptoms. If you have been directed to isolate or quarantine, please follow all instructions. To view current Amador COVID-19 statistics, please visit the Amador COVID-19 website: <a href="https://www.amadorgov.org/services/covid-19">https://www.amadorgov.org/services/covid-19</a>. Mule Creek State Prison inmate cases are not included in the Amador County COVID-19 totals. Total laboratory confirmed cases in Amador to date: 955.