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Amador COVID-19 Update

Amador County, CA – Amador County Public Health reports 34 new cases of COVID-19, bringing the total laboratory confirmed case count to 1,422, and 2 additional deaths since last Tuesday's update. The individuals who passed were 2 females, 1 in her 70s and another in her 80s. The new cases include 19 males and 15 females, 1 child under the age of 18, 22 aged 18-49, 4 aged 50-64, 7 over 65 years of age; 10 residing in lone, 7 living in Jackson, 4 living in Pine Grove, 10 in Pioneer, and 3 residing in Plymouth/surrounding areas. Fifteen cases, including Mule Creek State Prison (MCSP) inmates, are currently hospitalized.

This week, residents 75 years and older were included in local vaccination clinics, in addition to healthcare workers, first responders, community outreach workers, and educators. Supply of vaccine allocated to Amador County continues to be very limited. Amador County Public Health is administering COVID-19 vaccine doses as quickly as supply is issued from the state. Demand for vaccine continues to exceed supply. Another clinic for those 75 and older is being scheduled for the latter part of next week and will be announced via e-notification. To sign up for Amador County e-notification visit the Amador County website: https://www.amadorgov.org/about/e-notifications. As more vaccine is allocated to Amador, county-run points-of-distribution (PODs) will scheduled and be posted on the Amador COVID-19 website: https://www.amadorgov.org/services/covid-19. Over 2,900 doses have been administered in Amador to-date.

Amador Public Health is working with multiple partners to prepare to for larger-scale drive-up vaccination clinics, as well as partnering with health care systems and community clinics. Those age 65 and over are encouraged to reach out to their health care provider to see if they have vaccine available. Public Health will continue to operate county-administered points-of-distribution (PODs) as more vaccine becomes available in the coming weeks. These county PODs will open to those age 75 and over first, followed by those age 65 and over.

No-cost community COVID-19 nasal swab testing by appointment has moved locations and transitioned to OptumServe. Online registration may be accessed at https://lhi.care/covidtesting. Those without internet access may register by calling 1-888-634-1123. Drop-in testing is also available. Staff will assist with registration on-site. The new testing site is at the Health and Human Services building rear parking lot located at 10877 Conductor Blvd, Sutter Creek, CA 95685. Drive around to the rear entrance of the building, park in the area designated by red cones, and remain in your vehicle. Testing staff will approach the vehicle with instructions. OptumServe testing will be available in Amador County on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays. Amador residents should continue testing to demonstrate to the state that our community COVID-19 activity is decreasing. Moving to less restrictive tiers is linked to decreased activity.

To view current Amador County COVID-19 case statistics, please visit the Amador COVID-19 website: https://www.amadorgov.org/services/covid-19. Mule Creek State Prison inmate cases are not included in the Amador County COVID-19 totals.