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## **Amador COVID-19 Update**

Amador County, CA – Amador County Public Health reports 37 new cases of COVID-19, bringing the total laboratory confirmed case count to 1,548, and 1 additional death since last Tuesday's update. The individual who passed was a male in his 90s. The new cases include 20 males and 17 females, 4 children under the age of 18, 16 aged 18-49, 5 aged 50-64, 12 over 65 years of age; 11 residing in lone, 5 living in Jackson, 10 living in Pine Grove, 1 in Pioneer, 2 in Plymouth/surrounding areas and 8 residing in Sutter Creek/Amador City. Eight cases, including Mule Creek State Prison (MCSP) inmates, are currently hospitalized.

This week, Amador County expanded to include residents 70 years of age and above in Public Health vaccination clinics, in addition to health care workers, first responders, and community outreach workers. These clinics are by appointment only. Vaccine continues to be in extremely limited supply. As allocations to Amador increase additional clinics will be scheduled. Vaccine clinics are announced via e-notification and posted on the Amador COVID-19 website: <a href="https://www.amadorgov.org/services/covid-19">https://www.amadorgov.org/services/covid-19</a>. To sign up for Amador County e-notification visit the Amador County website: <a href="https://www.amadorgov.org/about/e-notifications">https://www.amadorgov.org/about/e-notifications</a>. Public Health is administering COVID-19 vaccine as quickly as supply is issued from the state. Over 6,500 doses have been administered in Amador to-date.

Last week, Jackson CVS began offering COVID-19 vaccine to those age 65 and older by appointment. CVS vaccine appointments are scheduled via their CVS COVID-19 Vaccine Website. Safeway Pharmacy is also partnering with Amador County to administer COVID-19 vaccine by appointment to residents 70 years and older. The Safeway Pharmacy online appointment system is accessible via their website. Residents are also encouraged to reach out to their health care provider to inquire if vaccine is available within the health care system. Public Health will continue to operate county-administered points-of-distribution (PODs) as more vaccine becomes available. These county PODs will open to those age 70 and over, followed by those age 65 and over when vaccine allocation from the state increases.

Amador remains in the <u>purple tier</u> on <u>California's Blueprint for a Safer Economy</u>. Moving to less restrictive tiers is linked to decreased COVID-19 activity in our community. Amador residents may assist in demonstrating this to the state by continuing to test to show decreased activity. No-cost community COVID-19 nasal swab testing is offered by OptumServe on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays at the Health and Human Services building rear parking lot located at 10877 Conductor Blvd, Sutter Creek, CA 95685. Drop-in testing is available. Staff will assist with registration on-site. 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. Online registration may be accessed at <a href="https://lhi.care/covidtesting">https://lhi.care/covidtesting</a>. Those without internet access may register by calling 1-888-634-1123.

Prevention measures continue to be important to reduce spread in our community. Continue wearing a mask when you are not at home. Stay home if you are sick. Keep 6 foot distance from others outside of your household. Avoid gatherings. To view current Amador County COVID-19 case 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 <a href="inmate cases">inmate cases</a> are not included in the Amador County COVID-19 totals.