

## Governor's Press Conference 3/15/20

### Statistics:

- I. As of 3/15 there have been 335 positive tests in California.
- II. As of 3/15 there have been 6 deaths in California (14% increase last 24 hours).
- III. As of 3/15 there have been 8,316 tests done in California, from 19 labs, 2-3 days for turn-around time.
- IV. Regarding Hospitals and equipment in California:
  - a. Currently 74,000 beds available in 416 hospitals.
  - b. Currently there are 11,500 ICU beds (adults & children).
  - c. California can surge today 9,000 beds.
  - d. California has 7,587 ventilators + 900 more in storage at EMSA and CDPH.
  - e. Plans to soon open some closed hospitals very soon for additional beds.

### Key Points of Governor's Press Conference, 3/15/20

- I. Requesting all over the age of 65 or those with chronic medical conditions to start long-term home isolation due to their increased risk of serious illness.
- II. Requesting all bars, wineries, brew pubs to close.
- III. Requesting restaurants to decrease their maximum occupancy by 50% to ensure separation of people by 6 feet to ensure social distancing.
- IV. The above are all to be self-enforced. The Governor expects these people and establishments to obey. He does not see the need for police powers to be utilized for enforcement, but this could be a possibility.
- V. There are to be NO VISITORS to hospitals, nursing homes, skilled nursing facilities, senior living centers, etc. (where the elderly are residing) except for end-of-life events.
- VI. Regarding school closures:
  - a. 51% of all school districts in California have or are about to close.
  - b. 24 of the 25 largest school districts in California have shut down completely, representing 80-85% of the students in California.
  - c. He understands that smaller school districts are very different than larger school districts, and said that smaller school districts (such as in Trinity County) can and should be doing what makes sense, and may well stay open with modifications.
    - An appropriate response for the community is what counts.
    - He understands the problems of closing schools (work force, food, etc.)
    - Don't mix school cohorts.
    - Tuesday, March 17 guidelines for schools staying open will be available.

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