



## Trinity County Office of Emergency Services

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TRINITY COUNTY – As of today, there are no reported cases of Coronavirus (COVID-19) in Trinity County. The Trinity County Public Health Department and the Trinity County Office of Emergency Services continue to work closely alongside our local, regional and state-wide partners to monitor the COVID-19 Pandemic and to coordinate response.

The Trinity County Health Officer recently issued an order that requires all individuals traveling to use a second home in Trinity County to self-quarantine for 14 days. If you must leave your home within those 14 days, it is essential that you practice social distancing and other precautions to limit the potential spread of illness. This applies to those who are not full-time residents of Trinity County. Residents of Trinity County should continue to follow the states orders. All non-essential travel to and from Trinity County is discouraged.

Self-Quarantine: To refrain from any contact with other individuals for a period of time during an outbreak of contagious disease by remaining in one's home.

To reduce transmission of a contagious disease, it is common that individuals are asked to self-quarantine following known contact with an infectious person or after returning from a region where cases of the disease are widely reported.

A note from the Health Officer: *“We are in a grave crisis. This virus is growing at an exponential rate in our country. Unless everyone does their part and follows the County’s Shelter-in-Place order and the Governor’s Safer at Home order, we will be facing an Italy-type catastrophe very soon. Health Officer orders are not recommendations, they are rules to be followed. Some people, however, just aren’t taking this seriously and are going about their business as if nothing has changed. But our world has profoundly changed. It is up to you, the community, to decide what you want your future to be. If you decide you want to do your own thing and follow your own rules, you disrespect us all. You will contribute to the death toll that will follow. For those of you who say: “nobody tells me what to do,” now is a time to make an exception.”*

There are a number of steps you can take to protect your health and the health of those around you:

- Wipe down surfaces regularly, including counter-tops and grocery carts.
- Wash your hands with soap and water frequently.
- Avoid touching your mouth, nose, and eyes.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home unless leaving your home is essential. (Groceries, medical care, etc.)

Based on the current information available, older adults and people of any age who have underlying medical conditions are considered to be at high risk for severe illness from COVID-19. Those at high-risk for severe illness include:

- People aged 65 years and older
- People who live in a nursing home or long-term care facility
- People of any age with chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma
- People who have serious heart conditions
- People who are immunocompromised including cancer treatment
- People with severe obesity, or certain underlying medical conditions particularly not well controlled (diabetes, renal failure, liver disease)
- People who are pregnant should be monitored since they are known to be at risk for severe viral illness, although COVID-19 has not shown increased risk.

**Trinity County Public Health report:** In regard to COVID-19 testing, as of this morning, 41 people have been tested in Trinity County. Of the collected tests, 36 have been reported as negative and 5 are pending, with zero positive cases.

**Trinity County Adult Protective Services report:** Adult Protective Services (APS) is still taking reports of elder and dependent adult abuse and neglect and will evaluate each report to determine if a home visit is needed. APS is conducting some investigations by telephone in order to minimize exposure for our clients.

In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) has reached out to our IHSS Recipients to check in with them, assess their level of preparedness related to the Stay at Home order, and provide them with information and referrals to help them meet essential needs. We are currently conducting calls to IHSS Providers to check in and inform them of California Department of Social Services guidelines related to providing IHSS services, as well as how they can access sick leave, Unemployment Insurance benefits, Paid Family Leave, and Disability Insurance Benefits. In addition, we are informing Providers that IHSS is considered an essential service, and Providers should carry a copy of their IHSS pay stub or pay history as verification. Providers who are

unable to work due to illness should inform their Recipient and the IHSS office so that staff can assist the Recipient with finding an alternate Provider.

Public Guardian is checking in with clients under probate and Lanterman-Petris-Short (LPS) conservatorship via telephone and video conference to facilities throughout California in order to assess their well-being while also minimizing potential exposure for our clients.

MTM is a contractor that provides Non-Medical Transportation (NMT) for Partnership HealthPlan of California (PHC) beneficiaries for individuals on Medi-Cal in Trinity County. Call MTM to arrange transportation to medical appointments at least 5 business days before an appointment at (800) 809-1350, Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. See the below link for more information.

[http://www.partnershiphp.org/Members/MediCal/Documents/Transportation\\_Flyer\\_Final\\_English\\_v2.pdf](http://www.partnershiphp.org/Members/MediCal/Documents/Transportation_Flyer_Final_English_v2.pdf)

Adult Services Programs can be contacted as follows:

Phone: 530-623-8209

Fax: 530-623-1297

Mail: PO Box 1470, Weaverville, CA 96093

Email: [hhs.adultservices@trinitycounty.org](mailto:hhs.adultservices@trinitycounty.org)

After-hours emergencies: 530-623-1314

**Trinity County Behavioral Health report:** The Behavioral Health Department is open and anyone seeking Behavioral Health services should **call the Weaverville Clinic at (530) 623-1362 for an appointment.**

#### **Crisis Services (530) 623-5708**

The Behavioral Health Crisis Team remains ready to assist in crisis management. Persons experiencing a crisis should call the Crisis number above and a crisis worker will assist.

#### **Assessment & Therapy Services (530) 623-1362**

Behavioral Health has moved all therapy services to telephonic service, unless the person does not have access to a telephone. Persons without a phone may come to the Weaverville Clinic at 1450 Main St., Weaverville for a Telehealth appointment (via computer). **All services remain available by appointment, except for group services.** Group meetings have migrated to a teleconferencing platform, and group therapy has been changed to individual, telephone contact.

#### **Medication Services (530) 623-1362**

Behavioral Health has set up Telemedicine Stations at both the Weaverville and Hayfork Clinics, and Medication Support / Psychiatrist appointments are available via Telemedicine or by telephone. At both the Weaverville and Hayfork Clinics, Behavioral Health staff are available to help clients connect to their providers via computer.

**Human Response Network:** If anyone needs assistance from HRN they need to call 623-HELP and someone will return their call as soon as possible.

**Trinity County Department of Transportation report:** All Department of Transportation (DOT) facilities while operating will remain closed to public access. All DOT business will be handled by phone. Please call (530) 623-1365 for further information.

Trinity Transit will operate full schedule Monday, Wednesday and Friday until further notice. Please call (530) 623-5428

Remember, only ESSENTIAL TRAVEL is permitting on Trinity Transit at this time. All non-essential travel will be denied transportation.

**Trinity County Office of Education report:** All schools in the county remain closed due to the governor's announcement. However, they are continuing to provide meals to students throughout the county. See their Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/trinitycountyofficeofeducation](https://www.facebook.com/trinitycountyofficeofeducation) or website at [www.tcoek12.org](http://www.tcoek12.org) for updated info on each district's offerings.

**Trinity County Solid Waste report:** Until further notice, the Solid Waste Office will be closed to the public. Correspondence and payments can go in the drop box that is on the side of the building. Office staff will be available by phone at 623-1326, by fax at 623-5015, or by email to [solidwaste@trinitycounty.org](mailto:solidwaste@trinitycounty.org). Payments may also be made online by credit card at [officialpayments.com](http://officialpayments.com).

**Residential pick-up clients:** All household trash is to be bagged, tied, and secure with no loose trash in curb-side cans, otherwise accounts will not be serviced. All temporary bin/roll-off services are suspended until further notice.

#### **Transfer Sites:**

**Weaverville:** The Recycle Area that contains oil/filters, batteries, fluorescent tubes, sharps and paper recycling are closed until further notice. The Metal/Brush/Inert areas will remain open for now, but that is subject to change.

Hyampom transfer site will be closed Saturday, 3/28/20.

**All sites:** Please try to limit your waste disposal to household trash at this time.

**Small Business Loan Program:** How the business loan program would work in the \$2T coronavirus package: The bill includes a variety of mechanisms for businesses of different sizes. Among the most important is a \$367 billion program aimed at keeping the country's unemployment rate from skyrocketing. Small and medium businesses with fewer than 500 workers will be able to apply for government-backed, forgivable loans to cover the costs of their workers' wages, as well as some other business expenses such as rent, up to a maximum of \$10 million.

<https://thehill.com/policy/finance/489552-how-the-business-loan-program-would-work-in-the-2t-coronavirus-package>

**Additional Resources:** We know that human connection is one of the most critical protective factors for good mental health. Staying *emotionally connected* as a community even if we temporarily become more physically isolated is critical to all our mental health. Learn ways to stay in connection while still following guidance to limit exposure here: [www.eachmindmatters.org/ask-the-expert/stayingconnected/](http://www.eachmindmatters.org/ask-the-expert/stayingconnected/)

Online or phone support is available through:

- [SAMHSA's Disaster Distress Line](#): Call 1-800-985-5990 or text TalkWithUs to 66746 to connect with a trained crisis counselor.
- [Teen Line](#): Call (310) 855-HOPE or (800) TLC-TEEN (nationwide toll-free) from 6pm to 10pm PST or Text "TEEN" to 839863 between 6:00pm-9:00pm PST to receive person teen-to-teen education and support.
- [The Peer-Run Warm Line](#): Call 1-855-845-7415 for peer-run non-emergency emotional support.
- The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (24/7): Call 1-800-273-8255.

**Please contact Trinity County Office of Emergency Services at 530-623-1116 if you have any questions.**