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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.

As a reminder, the Governor’s Office of the State of California has issued a Stay at Home order, which urges California residents to stay at home and limit all non-essential travel, including county-to-county leisure travel, and to limit the gathering of individuals who do not share households.

The majority of transmission of COVID-19 occurs from person-to-person by those who have been in close contact (within 6 feet). It remains unknown how long the virus can live on surfaces and materials such as plastic and wood, although some studies suggest that it might be several days. It is important to exercise caution when coming into contact with all surfaces, including gas pumps and children’s playground equipment. 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, 30 people have been tested in Trinity County. Of the collected tests, 22 have been reported as negative and 8 are pending, with zero positive cases.

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 or website at 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. Payments may also be made online by credit card at 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.

All sites: Please try to limit your waste disposal to household trash at this time. Except as listed above, all transfer sites are open per their usual schedules.

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/

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.