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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, state and federal partners to monitor the COVID-19 Pandemic and coordinate response.

Currently, 44 individuals have been tested for COVID-19 in Trinity County with 42 reported as negative, and two (2) pending. The multiagency coordinated response has been established and is ongoing to monitor and respond to the evolving threat of Coronavirus in Trinity County. Trinity County Public Health, Department Operations Center (DOC) continues to guide operations in coordination with our Environmental Health and Office of Emergency Services (OES).

The following state and local Public Health orders continue to be in effect in Trinity County:

- The statewide “stay-at-home” order issued by Governor Newsom on March 19, 2020.
- The self-quarantine and travel order issued by the Trinity County Health Officer on March 25, 2020.

Consistent with the President’s Directive, these orders at this time will remain in effect until April 30, 2020.

We ask our population in Trinity County to adhere to the orders set forth by our Health Officer, Governor Newsom, and President Trump. We also ask that you continue to implement prevention practices that will protect you and those around you:

- Quarantined individuals (do not have illness or a positive test) – stay home unless leaving your home for essential needs such as groceries or medications.
- Isolated individuals (have illness or potentially have illness due to exposure) – must stay 6-10 feet away from others and must not go out in public except in the event of an emergency, and if leaving the home, must wear a mask.
- All persons must maintain social distance of 6 feet or more.
- Wipe down surfaces regularly, including counter-tops and grocery carts.
- Do not congregate in groups of people other than those who you are typically in close contact with (i.e. family)

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA** – State and local planning for medical surge includes acquisition of sufficient personal protective equipment (PPE) for healthcare worker, along with the order for 10,000 ventilators for COVID patients. In an address on March 30, Governor Newsome urged Californians to “take responsibility and take ownership” to get through this pandemic. There was a surge of patients in hospitals over the preceding four days in California, rising from 746 up to 1,432 and those requiring Intensive Care Unit help from 200 up to 597. California saw an increase of 19% overnight, he stated, further emphasizing the need for the protective measures we have already put in place.

**FEDERAL** – Hospital Ship Comfort went to New York City and Hospital Ship Mercy was sent to California to the Port of Los Angeles and will see non-COVID patients. Several large companies have begun to produce ventilators for COVID patients (GM, Ford, Dyson, GE Healthcare). The strategic national stockpile is filling requests for medical supplies and personal protective equipment nationwide. Supplies are prioritized and sent out where appropriate when requested by states including respirators, surgical masks and gowns, face shields, coveralls and gloves. FEMA and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services work together to coordinate the distribution of supplies.

As of March 29, 2020 California State Parks have closed vehicle access to its 280 state parks to prevent the spread of illness. The public is reminded to adhere to the following guidance:

- Stay close to home when going outdoors.
- Venture out only with people in your immediate household.

The President of the United States, as well as the Governor of California hold daily briefings regarding the COVID-19 Pandemic:

**President Trump and Coronavirus Task Force briefings** – [www.whitehouse.gov](http://www.whitehouse.gov)

**Governor Gavin Newsom COVID-19 updates** – [www.facebook.com/CAgovernor](http://www.facebook.com/CAgovernor) or [www.twitter.com/CAgovernor](http://www.twitter.com/CAgovernor)

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